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Secretary of Labor
Top Hat Plan Exemption
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration
Room N-5644
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington DC 20210

**Re: Louisiana Hospital Association
CEO's Deferred Income Plan
E.I.N: 72-0489377**

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please be advised that the Louisiana Hospital Association, located at 9521 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, established an unfunded pension plan known as the Louisiana Hospital Association CEO's Deferred Income Plan (the "Plan"), effective January 1, 1998.

The number of participants in the Plan is one. The Plan is maintained primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees of Louisiana Hospital Association (a "top hat" plan) as described in ERISA Sections 202(2), 301(a)(3), and 401(a)(1).

This notice is being provided pursuant to Department of Labor Regulation Section 2520.104-23.

Yours very truly,

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