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

Re: Augusta Health Care, Inc. Executive Option Plan and Trust

Dear Sir or Madam:

The employer listed below maintains a stock option plan which is governed by Section 83 of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"). The Plan is not a deferred compensation plan and therefore is not subject to the reporting and disclosure requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA"). Nonetheless, we are submitting this protective filing pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-23 so that if the Plan is later deemed to be a deferred compensation plan, it will have timely satisfied the alternative reporting and disclosure requirements of ERISA.

The information required to be reported by ERISA is as follows:

Employer Name And Address:	Augusta Health Care, Inc. P.O. Box 1000 Fishersville, VA 22939
Employer Identification No:	54-1453954
Primary Purpose Of The Plan:	The primary purpose of the plan is to provide stock options to a select group of management or highly compensated employees.
Type Of Plan:	The plan constitutes a stock option plan which is governed by Code Section 83.
Number Of Such Plans Maintained By the Employer:	1

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Number Of Employees Covered By
Such Plans: 1

The employer agrees to provide any plan documents to the Secretary upon request as required by Section 104(a)(1) of ERISA.

If we can provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Marika Ostendorf
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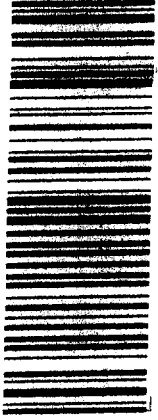
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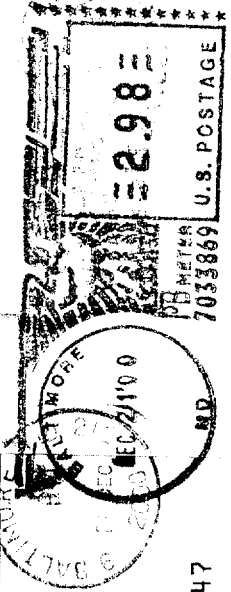
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