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DOJ/FTC HEARINGS ON HEALTH CARE AND COMPETITION LAW AND POLICY

Schedule for June 10-12, 2003 Sessions

WASHINGTON, D.C.— The Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission today released a detailed schedule for the sessions of their joint hearings on health care and competition law and policy to be held June 10-12, 2003. These hearings will be held at the FTC Conference Center at 601 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C.

Morning sessions begin at 9:15 a.m. and end at approximately 12:30 p.m. Afternoon sessions begin at 2:00 p.m. and end at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Date	Morning Session Topic	Afternoon Session Topic
Tuesday, June 10	Quality and Consumer Protection: Market Entry	Quality and Consumer Protection: Market Entry
Wednesday, June 11	<i>Noerr-Pennington</i> /State Action	Long Term Care/Assisted Living Facilities
Thursday, June 12	Financing Design/Consumer Information Issues	Information and Advertising

The Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission will hold additional hearings on June 25-26, 2003. An agenda for these hearings will be released shortly. No sessions will be held during July and August 2003. Also, more hearings will be held September 10-12, 2003 and September 24-26, 2003.

As noted in the *Federal Register* notice announcing this event, any interested person may submit written comments responsive to any of the topics to be addressed. Comments directed at a particular subject considered during a particular session of hearings must be submitted no later than 45 days after the date of that specific hearing session. Comments on broader subjects within the general scope of the hearings may be submitted at any time after the publication of this notice, but no later than November 28, 2003.

Written comments should be submitted in both hard copy and electronic form. Six hard copies of each submission should be addressed to Donald S. Clark, Office of the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580. Submissions should be captioned: "Comments Regarding Hearings on Health Care and Competition Law and Policy." Electronic submissions may be sent by electronic mail to healthcare@ftc.gov. Alternatively, electronic submissions may be filed on a 3-1/2 inch computer disk with a label stating the name of the submitter and the name and version of the word processing program used to create the document.

Information about the health care hearings is available on the websites for the hearings, <http://www.usdoj.gov/atr/hchearing.htm> and <http://www.ftc.gov/ogc/healthcarehearings/>, and from the FTC's Consumer Response Center, Room 130, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

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