

HEALTH MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES, INC.  
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Senior Vice President  
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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Mr. Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20549

**Re: Health Management Associates, Inc.  
I.R.S. Employer Identification No.: 61-0963645  
Statements Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and Principal  
Financial Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to  
Exchange Act Filings**

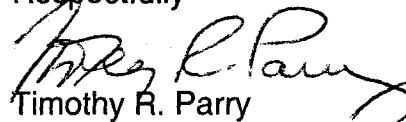
Dear Mr. Katz:

Pursuant to the Commission's Order No. 4-460 dated June 27, 2002, requiring the filing of sworn statements pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, I am pleased to enclose for filing and publication the following certifications, which fully conform to the form of Exhibit A attached to the Order:

1. Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer (Joseph V. Vumbacco) Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings; and
2. Statement Under Oath of Principal Financial Officer (Robert E. Farnham) Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings.

If I may be of any further assistance or if you have any questions, please call me at (239) 598-3176.

Respectfully

  
Timothy R. Parry  
Senior Vice President & General Counsel

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OMB Number: 3235-0569

Expires: January 31, 2003

**STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS.**

I, Robert E. Farnham, state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Health Management Associates, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.

(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

- Form 10-K of Health Management Associates, Inc. filed with the Commission on December 21, 2001;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Health Management Associates, Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Robert E. Farnham  
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Date: 8-12-02

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 12th day of August  
2002.

Jeanne E. Trent



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