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Washington, DC 20515
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Washington, DC 20510
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LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) **- All Filers Are Required to Complete This Page**

1. Registrant Name ☑ Organization/Lobbying Firm ☐ Self Employed Individual

The Smith-Free Group

2. Address ☐ **Check if different than previously reported**

Address1 1401 K Street NW Address2 12th Floor

City Washington State DC Zip Code 20005 - Country USA

3. Principal place of business (if different than line 2)

City State Zip Code - Country

4a. Contact Name: DEENA FLORENCE

b. Telephone Number ☐ International Number: (202) 393-4760

c. E-mail: dflorence@smithfree.com

5. Senate ID#: 35800-48

7. Client Name ☐ *Self* ☐ *Check if client is a state or local government or instrumentality*

HCA

6. House ID#: 307700021

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2009 Q1 (1/1 - 3/31) ☐ Q2 (4/1 - 6/30) ☑ Q3 (7/1-9/30) ☐ Q4 (10/1 - 12/31) ☐

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report ☐

10. Check if this is a Termination Report ☐ Termination Date _____ 11. No Lobbying Issue Activity ☐

INCOME OR EXPENSES **- YOU MUST complete either Line 12 or Line 13**

12. Lobbying

INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than $5,000 ☐

$5,000 or more ☑ $ $ 90,000.00

Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest $10,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

13. Organizations

EXPENSE relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than $5,000 ☐

$5,000 or more ☐ $

14. REPORTING Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

☐ **Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only

☐ **Method B.** Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code

☐ **Method C.** Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

Signature Filed Electronically **Date** 07/17/2009

Printed Name and Title Alicia W. Smith, Sr. VP & Corp. Secretary

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Registrant The Smith-Free Group Client Name HCA

LOBBYING ACTIVITY. Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Add additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code HCR HEALTH ISSUES (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Health Care Reform- Issues regarding proposed plans to institute comprehensive reform of the health care delivery and payment systems in the United States.
Medicare Payment Bundling- A proposal being discussed in Congress that would bundle payments to different health care providers by funneling those payments through a single provider.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

First Name	Last Name	Suffix	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Jack S.	Deuser			☐
James C.	Free			☐
Robert	Hickmott			☐
W. Timothy	Locke			☐
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above ☑ Check if None

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15. General issue area code MMM MEDICARE/MEDICAID (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Ban on Self-Referral to Physician-Owned Hospitals Provision that will prospectively ban the practice of physicians referring patients to hospitals that are owned by the physician.

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