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LOBBYING REGISTRATION

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 4)

Check if this is an Amended Registration ☐

1. Effective Date of Registration January 1, 2002

2. House Identification Number _____ Senate Identification Number _____

REGISTRANT

3. Registrant name Texas Hospital Association

Address P. O. Box 15587

City Austin State Texas Zip 78761-5587

4. Principal place of business (if different from line 3) street address: 6225 US Highway 290 East

City Austin State/Zip (or Country) Texas 78723

5. Telephone number and contact name

( ) 512/465-1510 Contact Debbie Suniga E-mail (optional) dsuniga@

6. General description of registrant's business or activities

Hospital association

CLIENT

A Lobbying firm is required to file a separate registration for each client. Organizations employing in-house lobbyists should ch

labeled "Self" and proceed to line 10. ☒ *Self*

7. Client name

Address

City State Zip

8. Principal place of business (if different from line 7)

City State/Zip (or Country)

9. General description of client's business or activities

LOBBYISTS

10. Name of each individual who has acted or is expected to act as a lobbyist for the client identified on line 7. If any pe this section has served as a "covered executive branch official" or "covered legislative branch official" within two acting as a lobbyist for the client, *state the executive and/or legislative position(s) in which the person served.*

Name	Covered Official Position (if applica
Joe A. DaSilva	
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Registrant Name Texas Hospital Association Client Name Texas Hospital Association

LOBBYING ISSUES

11. General lobbying issue areas. Select all applicable codes listed in instructions and on the reverse side of Form LD-

BUD, CSP, DIS, FAM, GOV, HCR, IMM, LBR, MED, MMM, PHA, SCI, TAX, TOB, TOR, WAS, WEL

12. Specific lobbying issues (current and anticipated)

See Attached – as of November 1, 2001.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

13. Is there an entity other than the client that contributes more than $10,000 to the lobbying activities of the
a semiannual period **and** in whole or in major part plans, supervises or controls the registrant's lobbying

☒ No ⇨ Go to line 14. ☐ Yes ⇩ Complete the rest of this section for each entity the criteria above, then proceed to line 14.

Name	Address	Principal Place of Bus (city and state or cou

FOREIGN ENTITIES

14. Is there any foreign entity that:

a) holds at least 20% equitable ownership in the client or any organization identified on line 13; o
b) directly or indirectly, in whole or in major part, plans, supervises, controls, directs, finances or activities of the client or any organization identified on line 13; **or**
c) is an affiliate of the client or any organization identified on line 13 and has a direct interest in t of the lobbying activity?

☒ No ⇨ Sign and date the registration. ☐ Yes ⇩ Complete the rest of this section for ea matching the criteria above, then sign registration.

Name	Address	Principal place of business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities

Signature Debbie Suniga Date 11/29/01

Printed Name and Title Debbie Suniga · Manager, Public Affairs and Advocacy Administration

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AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
2001 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

BILL	SPONSORS		DESCRIPTION
WORKFORCE			
Area Wage Index and Standardized Rate	**S.885** Sen. Tim Hutchinson (R-AR) Sen. Max Cleland (D-GA)	**H.R. 1609** Rep. Phil English (R-PA) Rep. John Tanner (D-TN)	To help hospitals deal with rising labor costs, e a "floor" on the Medicare area wage index to h workforce compensation. Also establishes a na standardized rate thereby eliminating the differ payments between large urban hospitals and c and community hospitals.
American Hospital Preservation Act	**S.839** Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) Sen. Evan Bayh (D-IN)	**H.R. 1556** Rep. Mark Foley (R-FL) Rep. Richard Neal (D-MA)	Provides a full market basket update for FY 20 maintains the IME adjustment at 6.5% for FY 2 beyond. This can help hospitals attract and reta workers in a competitive labor environment.
Outpatient Payment Update	**Senate bill pending**	**House bill pending**	Provides full market basket update for outpatie FY 2002 and beyond. Also extends the corrido and the hold harmless for rural hospitals.
Direct Graduate Medical Education Improvement Act	**S. 135** Sen. James Jeffords (I-VT) Sen. Diane Feinstein (D-CA)	**House bill pending**	Expands Medicare dollars going to GME progr
Nurse Employment and Education Development Act	**S. 721** Sen. Tim Hutchinson (R-AR) Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)	**House bill pending**	Provides grants to develop recruitment and ret trategies, funding to recruit nurses in shortage scholarships and loans to encourage nurses to uate degrees for teaching.
Nurse Reinvestment Act	**S. 706** Sen. James Jeffords (I-VT) Sen. John Kerry (D-MA)	**H.R. 1436** Rep. Sue Kelly (R-NY) Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA)	Establishes a national nursing service corps, e Medicare and Medicaid funding for clinical nurs and to reimburse some home health agencies, nursing homes for nurse training.
Nursing Immigration	**Senate bill pending** Sen. Sam Brownback (R-KS)	**House bill pending**	Relaxes U.S. immigration policy to allow more to work on a temporary basis in areas of the c acute nursing shortages.
Regulatory Relief	**Senate bill pending**	**House bill pending**	Improves coordination in the release of federal streamlines paperwork and eliminates certain burdensome regulations.
COVERAGE AND ACCESS			
The Immigrant Children's Health Improvement Act of 2001	**S. 582** Sen. Lincoln Chafee (R-RI) Sen. Bob Graham (D-FL)	**H.R. 1143** Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R-FL) Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA)	Allows states to enroll legal immigrant children women into Medicaid and S-CHIP sooner than today.
Medicaid Safety Net Hospital Continued Preservation Act	**S. 572** Sen. Lincoln Chafee (R-RI) Sen. Bob Graham (D-FL)	**H.R. 854** Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-KY) Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO)	Extends into 2003 and beyond the Medicaid di share (DSH) payments included in last year's I Budget Act relief legislation.
Medicaid Safety Net Improvement Act	**S. 776** Sen. Michael Enzi (R-WY) Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM)	**H.R. 1604** Rep. Thomas Barrett (D-WI) Rep. Heather Wilson (R-NM)	Allows states with lower/smaller DSH program their federal allotment to support their safety n
Fair Care for the Uninsured Act	**S. 683** Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA) Sen. Robert Torricelli (D-NJ)	**H.R. 1331** Rep. Dick Armey (R-TX) Rep. William Lipinski (D-IL)	Provides refundable tax credits to help low-inc get coverage.
Coverage and Access Federal Funding/Family Care Act	**Senate bill pending** Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-ME) Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA)	**House bill pending** Rep. John Dingell (D-MI)	Expands coverage to parents of children cove
Local Medical Emergency Reimbursement Act	**S. 169 (Title II only)** Sen. Jon Kyl (R-AZ) Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	**H.R. 519** Rep. Mary Bono (R-CA) Rep. Silvestre Reyes (D-TX) **H.R. 823 (Title II only)** Rep. David Dreier (R-CA) Rep. Gary Condit (D-CA)	Reimburses hospitals for the costs of providing health services to undocumented aliens.
OTHER KEY ISSUES			
Prompt Payment of Health Benefits Claims Act	**Senate bill pending**	**H.R. 287** Rep. Peter King (R-NY)	Requires health plans to pay Medicare claims

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