



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

Office of the Secretary

May 1, 2013

Victor Rivera  
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

Re: In the Matter of Praxedes E. Alvarez Santiago, M.D., Daniel Perez Brisebois, M.D., Jorge E. Grillasca Palau, M.D., Rafael Garcia Nieves, MD., Francis M. Vazquez Roura, M.D., Angel B. Rivera Santos, MD, Cosme D. Santos Torres, M.D., and Juan L. Vilaró Gardón, M.D., FTC File No. 1210098

Dear Mr. Rivera:

Thank you for your comment regarding the proposed consent order involving the above-referenced matter. The Commission has reviewed your comment in connection with its decision whether to give final approval to the proposed consent order and has placed the comment on the public record.

Your comment expressed concerns about the “greedy” conduct of the Respondents that “put[] at risk the life” of some of the Commonwealth’s “neediest” citizens, and voiced support for a remedy that would discourage the “proliferation” of such conduct. The order in this case is designed to address these concerns, and includes a provision that prohibits the Respondents from collectively withholding medical treatment from patients.

For your information I am enclosing the decision and order that the Commission has decided to issue in service of the public interest. The Commission appreciates your interest in this matter.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald Clark  
Secretary

Enclosure