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HCCA Comments on Proposed Changes to US Sentencing Guidelines

Minneapolis, MN---March 8, 2004---On December 30, 2003, the US Sentencing Commission (USSC) published a notice in the *Federal Register* on its proposed changes to the US Sentencing Guidelines. The Executive Committee of the Health Care Compliance Association (HCCA) announced today that it had submitted comments to the US Sentencing Commission related to the proposed changes in Chapter 8 relating to compliance programs. The Health Care Compliance Association (HCCA), established in 1996, is the only national, nonprofit organization solely dedicated to improving the quality of compliance. Its membership is made up of over 3,000 compliance professionals who oversee the compliance efforts of thousands of organizations.

HCCA's comments, cover letter, and the USSC notice regarding the proposed changes are available on the HCCA Website at the following links:

-HCCA Cover Letter

<http://www.hcca-info.org/eseries/StaticContent/USSCcoverLetter.pdf>

-HCCA Executive Committee Comments

<http://www.hcca-info.org/eseries/StaticContent/USSCletter.pdf>

-USSC notice regarding the proposed changes, click this link:

<http://www.ussc.gov/2004guid/rfJan04.pdf> (see pages 60-80)

Daniel Roach, HCCA's 2nd Vice President, is available to discuss with reporters HCCA's Comments regarding the proposed changes and may be reached at 415/438-5579.

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