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HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1
OF THE PARISH OF CLAIBORNE, STATE OF LOUISIANA
NORTH CLAIBORNE HOSPITAL
HOSPITAL ENTERPRISE FUND
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1999, 1998 AND 1997

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Commissioners
Hospital Service District No. 1
Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana
Haynesville, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of Hospital Service District No. 1, Parish of Claiborne, d/b/a North Claiborne Hospital (the District), a component unit of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury, as of June 30, 1999, 1998 and 1997, listed in the foregoing table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Hospital Service District No. 1, Parish of Claiborne, d/b/a North Claiborne Hospital, as of June 30, 1999, 1998 and 1997, and the results of its operations, changes in fund balance and cash flows for the periods then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental entities.

In accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated October 5, 1999, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws and regulations.

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Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements, taken as a whole. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of Hospital Service District No. 1, Parish of Claiborne, d/b/a North Claiborne Hospital. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements, and in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Lester, Miller & Wells
Certified Public Accountants

October 5, 1999

HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1
OF THE PARISH OF CLAIBORNE, STATE OF LOUISIANA
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BALANCE SHEETS - UNRESTRICTED FUNDS
JUNE 30, 1999, 1998 AND 1997

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Current			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 124,497	\$ 132,453	\$ 306,304
Accounts receivable less estimated uncollectibles and allowances of \$14,609, \$14,767 and \$15,797 in 1999, 1998 and 1997, respectively (Note 4)	-0-	-0-	-0-
Rent receivable	5,000	5,000	12,000
Prepaid expenses	<u>8,028</u>	<u>7,115</u>	<u>7,247</u>
Total current assets	137,525	144,568	325,551
Investments (Note 3)	255,770	240,425	33,343
Property, plant and equipment, net (Note 5)	<u>686,422</u>	<u>676,650</u>	<u>507,401</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,079,717</u>	<u>\$ 1,061,643</u>	<u>\$ 866,295</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u>			
Current			
Accounts payable	\$ 106	\$ 9,433	\$ 226
Due to third party payors (Note 2)	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>43,273</u>
Total liabilities	106	9,433	43,499
Fund balance - unrestricted			
Contributions	198,982	198,982	198,982
Accumulated excess of revenues over expenses	<u>880,629</u>	<u>853,228</u>	<u>623,814</u>
Total fund balance	<u>1,079,611</u>	<u>1,052,210</u>	<u>822,796</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 1,079,717</u>	<u>\$ 1,061,643</u>	<u>\$ 866,295</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1
 OF THE PARISH OF CLAIBORNE, STATE OF LOUISIANA
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 STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS - UNRESTRICTED FUNDS
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1999, 1998 AND 1997

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Operating revenue			
Rent revenue	\$ 96,000	\$ 135,000	\$ 156,000
Grant revenue (Note 9)	-0-	100,000	-0-
Resolution of cost based hospital settlements	-0-	43,273	23,281
Other operating revenue	<u>281</u>	<u>6,171</u>	<u>1,070</u>
Total operating revenue	<u>96,281</u>	<u>284,444</u>	<u>180,351</u>
Operating expenses			
Salaries and benefits	5,737	3,310	1,998
Insurance	15,616	14,984	14,287
Depreciation	52,661	42,036	43,125
Other expenses	<u>15,178</u>	<u>11,404</u>	<u>20,714</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>89,192</u>	<u>71,734</u>	<u>80,124</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>7,089</u>	<u>212,710</u>	<u>100,227</u>
Nonoperating gains (losses)			
Interest income	<u>20,312</u>	<u>16,704</u>	<u>12,690</u>
Total nonoperating gains (losses)	<u>20,312</u>	<u>16,704</u>	<u>12,690</u>
Excess of revenues over (expenses)	<u>\$ 27,401</u>	<u>\$ 229,414</u>	<u>\$ 112,917</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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 STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1999, 1998 AND 1997

Changes in fund balance:

Fund balance, June 30, 1995	\$ 747,792
Excess of (expenses) over revenues	<u>(37,913)</u>
Fund balance, June 30, 1996	709,879
Excess of revenues over (expenses)	<u>112,917</u>
Fund balance, June 30, 1997	822,796
Excess of revenues over (expenses)	<u>229,414</u>
Fund balance, June 30, 1998	1,052,210
Excess of revenue over (expenses)	<u>27,401</u>
Fund balance, June 30, 1999	<u>\$ 1,079,611</u>

Composition of fund balances at June 30, 1999

Contributions	\$ 198,982
Accumulated excess of expenses over revenues	<u>880,629</u>
	<u>\$ 1,079,611</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1
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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS - UNRESTRICTED FUNDS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1999, 1998 AND 1997

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Operating income (loss)	\$ 7,089	\$ 212,710	\$ 100,227
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation	52,661	42,036	43,125
Changes in:			
Rent receivable	-0-	7,000	-0-
Prepaid expenses	(913)	132	(559)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(9,327)	9,207	204
Due to third party payors	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(43,273)</u>	<u>3,180</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operations	<u>49,510</u>	<u>227,812</u>	<u>146,177</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Transfer construction in progress to property, plant equipment	205,690	-0-	-0-
Cash invested in short-term certificates of deposit	(15,345)	(207,082)	165,674
Interest on investments	<u>20,312</u>	<u>16,704</u>	<u>12,690</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>\$ 210,657</u>	<u>\$ (190,378)</u>	<u>\$ 178,364</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:			
Acquisition of capital assets	<u>\$ (268,123)</u>	<u>\$ (211,285)</u>	<u>\$ (34,791)</u>
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	<u>(268,123)</u>	<u>(211,285)</u>	<u>(34,791)</u>
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:			
Net cash provided by (used in) non-capital financing activities	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(7,956)	(173,851)	289,750
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>132,453</u>	<u>306,304</u>	<u>16,554</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 124,497</u>	<u>\$ 132,453</u>	<u>\$ 306,304</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1999, 1998 AND 1997

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

Legal Organization

The Claiborne Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 (the District) was created by an ordinance of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury.

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Claiborne Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Claiborne Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Because the police jury appoints all commissioners of the Claiborne Parish Hospital Service District, the District was determined to be a component unit of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the district and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

Nature of Business

The District operated the facility as a hospital until January 31, 1992. Subsequently, the District began leasing its facility, when possible, for use as a hospital and/or medical offices.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Enterprise Fund

Enterprise funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

Method of Accounting

The Hospital uses the accrual method of accounting. Revenue is recognized at full established rates, even though contractual agreements are settled for less. Provision is made for the resulting contractual adjustments based upon each payor's agreement. Expenses are recorded when incurred. Hospital accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statute

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Method of Accounting (Continued)

24:513 and to the guide set forth in the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, the AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide Health Care Organization, and standards set by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), including Statement 20 which applies the provisions of all relevant pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB).

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist primarily of deposits in checking and savings accounts and certificates of deposit with maturity dates of ninety days or less. The caption "cash and cash equivalents" does not include amounts whose use is limited.

Uncollectible Accounts

The Hospital's estimate of collectibility is based on evaluation of historical collections compared to gross revenues to establish an allowance for uncollectible accounts.

Year 2000 Issue

Because of the unprecedented nature of the Year 2000 Issue, its effects and the success of related remediation efforts will not be fully determinable until the year 2000 and thereafter. Management cannot assure that the District is or will be year 2000 ready, that the District's remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with whom the District does business will be year 2000 ready.

Income Taxes

The entity is a political subdivision and exempt from taxation.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is recorded at cost for purchased assets or at fair market value on the date of any donation. The Hospital uses straight-line depreciation for financial reporting and third party reimbursement. The following estimated useful lives are generally used.

Land improvements	10 years
Buildings	10 to 40 years
Fixed equipment	5 to 20 years
Major moveable equipment	4 to 20 years

Expenditures for additions, major renewals and betterments are capitalized and expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to operations as incurred.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (Continued)

The cost of assets retired or otherwise disposed of and related accumulated depreciation are eliminated from the accounts in the year of disposal. Gains or losses resulting from property disposals are credited or charged to operations currently.

Third Party Payor Revenues

Contractual agreements with governmental agencies provide for reimbursement based on a fixed price per patient stay based upon the patient's primary diagnosis for Medicare inpatient services. Medicare outpatients and all Medicaid programs were reimbursed based upon the lesser of reasonable cost (subject to certain limits) or charges to patients. These reimbursements are subject to final audit and retroactive adjustments by each payor. The last outstanding report January 31, 1992, has prescribed.

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

For purposes of display, transactions deemed by management to be ongoing, major or central to the provision of health care services are reported as revenues and expenses. Peripheral or incidental transactions are reported as gains and losses.

NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS

The District considers certificates of deposits with original maturities in excess of 90 days to be temporary cash investments. At June 30, 1999 all deposits were secured as of the balance sheet date. Of the \$240,425 total deposits at June 30, 1998, \$5,307 was not secured at the balance sheet date by federal depository insurance coverage or pledge securities. At June 30, 1997 all deposits were secured as of the balance sheet date. For all deposits, the market value and carrying value are the same.

NOTE 4 - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

A summary of accounts receivable is presented below:

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Patient accounts receivable	\$ 14,609	\$ 14,767	\$ 15,797
Estimated allowances for uncollectibles	<u>(14,609)</u>	<u>(14,767)</u>	<u>(15,797)</u>
Total	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>

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 FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1999, 1998 AND 1997

NOTE 5 - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The following is a summary of property, plant and equipment and related accumulated depreciation for the years ended June 30, 1999, 1998 and 1997.

	<u>ASSET COST</u>			June 30, <u>1999</u>
	June 30, <u>1998</u>	Additions	Deductions	
Land	\$ 33,707	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 33,707
Land improvements	31,674	9,030	-0-	40,704
Buildings	807,255	209,673	-0-	1,016,928
Fixed equipment	179,331	-0-	-0-	179,331
Major movable equipment	481,265	22,913	-0-	504,178
Construction in progress	<u>179,183</u>	<u>26,507</u>	<u>(205,690)</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,712,415</u>	<u>\$ 268,123</u>	<u>\$ (205,690)</u>	<u>\$ 1,774,848</u>

	<u>ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION</u>			June 30, <u>1999</u>
	June 30, <u>1998</u>	Additions	Deductions	
Land improvements	\$ 21,997	\$ 572	\$ -0-	\$ 22,569
Buildings	434,261	32,150	-0-	466,411
Fixed equipment	167,650	380	-0-	168,030
Major movable equipment	<u>411,857</u>	<u>19,559</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>431,416</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,035,765</u>	<u>\$ 52,661</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 1,088,426</u>

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NOTE 5 - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

	<u>ASSET COST</u>			June 30, <u>1998</u>
	June 30, <u>1997</u>	Additions	Deductions	
Land	\$ 33,707	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 33,707
Land improvements	31,674	-0-	-0-	31,674
Buildings	799,315	7,940	-0-	807,255
Fixed equipment	179,331	-0-	-0-	179,331
Major movable equipment	445,953	35,312	-0-	481,265
Construction in progress	<u>11,150</u>	<u>168,033</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>179,183</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,501,130</u>	<u>\$ 211,285</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 1,712,415</u>

	<u>ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION</u>			June 30, <u>1998</u>
	June 30, <u>1997</u>	Additions	Deductions	
Land improvements	\$ 21,899	\$ 98	\$ -0-	\$ 21,997
Buildings	410,138	24,123	-0-	434,261
Fixed equipment	167,270	380	-0-	167,650
Major movable equipment	<u>394,422</u>	<u>17,435</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>411,857</u>
Total	<u>\$ 993,729</u>	<u>\$ 42,036</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 1,035,765</u>

	<u>ASSET COST</u>			June 30, <u>1997</u>
	June 30, <u>1996</u>	Additions	Deductions	
Land	\$ 33,707	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 33,707
Land improvements	21,874	9,800	-0-	31,674
Buildings	799,315	-0-	-0-	799,315
Fixed equipment	179,331	-0-	-0-	179,331
Major movable equipment	437,526	13,841	5,414	445,953
Construction in progress	<u>-0-</u>	<u>11,150</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>11,150</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,471,753</u>	<u>\$ 34,791</u>	<u>\$ 5,414</u>	<u>\$ 1,501,130</u>

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NOTE 5 - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

	<u>ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION</u>			June 30, <u>1997</u>
	June 30, <u>1996</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	
Land improvements	\$ 21,874	\$ 25	\$ -0-	\$ 21,899
Buildings	386,059	24,079	-0-	410,138
Fixed equipment	166,890	380	-0-	167,270
Major movable equipment	<u>381,195</u>	<u>18,641</u>	<u>5,414</u>	<u>394,422</u>
Total	<u>\$ 956,018</u>	<u>\$ 43,125</u>	<u>\$ 5,414</u>	<u>\$ 993,729</u>

NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAX LEVYING

In August, 1995, 1996, and 1997, the Board passed a resolution to suspend the levying of the 10 mill property tax for North Claiborne Hospital Service District No. 1 for 1996, 1997, and 1998, respectively. In 1998 and 1999, the Board did not pass the resolution.

NOTE 7 - CONTINGENCIES

The District evaluates contingencies based upon the best available evidence. The District believes that no allowances for loss contingencies are considered necessary. To the extent that resolution of contingencies results in amounts which vary from the District's estimates, future earnings will be charged or credited. The District is not aware of any contingencies at this time.

NOTE 8 - LEASE OF HOSPITAL FACILITY

On April 16, 1996, North Claiborne Service District No. 1 leased the hospital to Homer Memorial Hospital to establish a behavioral health unit. The lease began June 1, 1996, and was renewed automatically for one month periods beginning on the first day of each month thereafter.

NOTE 9 - GRANT REVENUE

On October 22, 1997, a one time grant for \$100,000 was approved by the Office of Rural Development to the Claiborne Parish Police Jury, a related party. The grant revenues were used by north Claiborne Service District No. 1 for the expansion and renovation of the North Claiborne Clinic Building.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1
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 STATEMENTS OF OTHER OPERATING REVENUE - UNRESTRICTED FUNDS
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	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Bad debt recoveries	\$ 158	\$ 1,072	\$ 1,070
Miscellaneous	<u>123</u>	<u>5,099</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total other operating revenue	<u>\$ 281</u>	<u>\$ 6,171</u>	<u>\$ 1,070</u>

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 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS
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	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Salaries	\$ 5,240	\$ 3,003	\$ 1,753
Payroll taxes	394	237	155
Insurance	<u>103</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>90</u>
Total salaries and benefits	<u>\$ 5,737</u>	<u>\$ 3,310</u>	<u>\$ 1,998</u>

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	1999	1998	1997
Maintenance	\$ 4,963	\$ 5,462	\$ 11,627
Professional fees	6,760	3,316	2,900
Telephone	600	426	-0-
Office supplies and postage	1,731	1,239	721
Advertising	955	415	285
Other	<u>169</u>	<u>546</u>	<u>5,181</u>
Total other expenses	<u>\$ 15,178</u>	<u>\$ 11,404</u>	<u>\$ 20,714</u>

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Commissioners
Hospital Service District No. 1
Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana
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We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Hospital Service District No. 1, Parish of Claiborne, d/b/a North Claiborne Hospital (the District) for the year ended June 30, 1999, 1998 and 1997 and have issued our report thereon dated October 5, 1999. We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests did not disclose any instances of noncompliance that would be required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Because the number of employees is limited, it is impractical to segregate duties and have any appreciable internal control structure. We noted no other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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Lester, Miller & Wells

Certified Public Accountants

October 5, 1999

HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1
OF THE PARISH OF CLAIBORNE, STATE OF LOUISIANA
NORTH CLAIBORNE HOSPITAL
HOSPITAL ENTERPRISE FUND
AUDITORS' COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

Prior Year

Finding: The District's deposits with one financial institution exceeded the Federal Depository insurance limits and the securities pledged in the name of the District.

Recommendation: We recommend obtaining additional pledged securities and monitor deposits on a monthly basis.

Response: The District's board will obtain additional securities and will monitor the deposits more closely.

Resolution: This matter has been resolved.

Current Year

None