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VIA FACSIMILE (202-824-5090) FOLLOWED BY OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Mr. Jonathan G. Katz
Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: **HCA Inc. - Statements Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and
Principal Financial Officer**

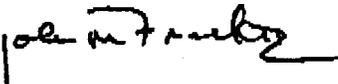
Dear Secretary Katz:

Enclosed on behalf of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer of HCA Inc. pursuant to Order No. 4-460 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (June 27, 2002), please find one (1) original and one (1) copy of each of the following documents:

1. Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings executed by Jack O. Bovender, Jr.; and
2. Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings executed by R. Milton Johnson.

Please file stamp the enclosed copy of this letter and the enclosed copy of each Statement and return them in the enclosed self-addressed, self-stamped envelope.

Very truly yours,



John M. Franck II
Vice President and Corporate Secretary

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**Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer
Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings**

I, Jack O. Bovender, Jr., state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of HCA Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
 - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
 - no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
- (2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.
- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
 - Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001 of HCA Inc.;
 - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of HCA Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
 - any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Jack O. Bovender, Jr.
 Jack O. Bovender, Jr.
 August 13, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 13th day of August, 2002.

Melinda S. Lampkin

 Notary Public

My Commission Expires: *May 31, 2004*



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