

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT/FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

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To Our Shareholders and Other Interested Parties
Health Management Associates, Inc.

The management of Health Management Associates, Inc., (the “Company”) is responsible for the preparation, presentation, and integrity of the consolidated financial statements and other information included in this annual report. The financial statements have been prepared by the Company in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and, as such, include amounts based on management’s best estimates and judgements.

The financial statements have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditors. Their audits were made in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and included such reviews and tests of the Company’s internal accounting controls as they considered necessary.

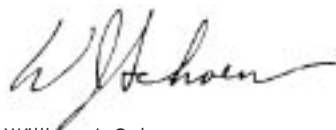
The Company maintains a system of internal accounting controls designed to provide reasonable assurance at reasonable cost that Company assets are protected against loss or unauthorized use and that transactions and events are properly recorded.

The Board of Directors, through its Audit Committee, comprised solely of independent directors who are not employees of the Company, meets with management and the independent auditors to assure that each is properly discharging its respective responsibilities. The independent auditors have free access to the Audit Committee, without management present, to discuss the results of their work and their assessment of the adequacy of internal accounting controls and the quality of financial reporting.

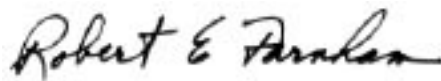
Forward Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this report, including, without limitation, statements containing the words “believes,” “anticipates,” “intends,” “expects” and words of similar import, constitute “forward looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements may include projections of revenues, income or loss, capital expenditures, capital structure, or other financial items, statements regarding the plans and objectives of management for future operations, statements of future economic performance, statements of the assumptions underlying or relating to any of the foregoing statements, and other statements which are other than statements of historical fact.

Statements made through this report are based on current estimates of future events, and the Company has no obligation to update or correct these estimates. Readers are cautioned that any such forward looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties, and that actual results may differ materially as a result of these various factors.



William J. Schoen
Chairman of the Board



Robert E. Farnham
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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