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## Recent FTC Actions Against Hospitals and Physician Groups

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There has been significant recent action by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) challenging hospital mergers and collective actions by physician groups. Antitrust health care issues have been and continue to be a priority at both the FTC and the Department of Justice and also with state attorneys general, particularly with respect to hospitals and physician groups. In fact, the FTC's most recent challenge to a hospital merger was joined by the state attorney general.

**Here are the most significant recent actions:**

- FTC Remedy in Evanston Hospital Case - No Divestiture but Separate Negotiating Teams
- New FTC Challenge to Hospital Acquisition - Parties Abandon Deal
- U.S. Court of Appeals Affirms FTC Decision Regarding Collective Action by Physician Group

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