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Keystone Orthopaedic Specialists, LLC, and Orthopaedic Associates of Reading, Ltd.

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In the Matter of Keystone Orthopaedic Specialists, LLC, a professional limited liability company; and
Orthopaedic Associates of Reading, Ltd., a professional corporation

FTC MATTER/FILE NUMBER: 141 0025

ENFORCEMENT TYPE: Part 2 Consents


Case Summary

Keystone Orthopaedic Specialists, LLC, an orthopedic practice formed through a combination of six independent orthopedic practices, agreed to settle charges that the merger substantially reduced competition for orthopedic services in Berks County, Pennsylvania. The complaint also names Orthopaedic Associates, one of the six practices that merged into Keystone in 2011, which was split off from Keystone in 2014. Under the terms of the settlement, Keystone and Orthopaedic Associates are required to obtain prior approval from the Commission before acquiring any interests in each other, before acquiring another orthopedic practice in Berks County, and before hiring or offering membership to an orthopedist who has provided services in Berks County in the past year. The settlement is designed to maintain competition in the relevant market by preserving Orthopaedic Associates' separation, and allowing health plans to avail themselves of current market conditions by renegotiating existing Keystone contracts.

Case Timeline

December 18, 2015

 [Complaint \(51.5 KB\)](#)


 [Decision and Order \[Including Appendix A\] \(58.25 KB\)](#)


PRESS RELEASE: FTC Approves Final Order Settling Charges that Merger of Orthopedic Practices in Berks County, Pennsylvania Would Likely Harm Competition and Inflate Prices

October 21, 2015

Federal Register Notice Containing Proposed Consent Agreement


October 15, 2015

 [Agreement Containing Consent Order \(59.85 KB\)](#)

 [Decision and Order \(54.8 KB\)](#)

 [Appendix A \(18.67 KB\)](#)

 [Complaint \(48.67 KB\)](#)

 [Analysis of Agreement Containing Consent Order To Aid Public Comment \(32.67 KB\)](#)

PRESS RELEASE: Two Pennsylvania Orthopedic Practices Settle FTC Charges That Merger Harmed Competition and Inflated Prices



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