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RICO Claims Arbitrable

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A unanimous U.S. Supreme Court ruled on April 7, 2003 that racketeering claims against UnitedHealth Group Inc. and PacifiCare Health Systems Inc. can be submitted to arbitration. The Court ruled that concerns about the availability of punitive damages in arbitration did not prevent enforcement of the arbitration provisions of the plaintiffs' contracts with the health plans. The slip opinion is available at: <http://supct.law.cornell.edu/supct/pdf/02-215P.ZO>

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