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**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD**

In the Matter of:	)	
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Doctors Council of the	)	
District of Columbia,	)	
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Petitioner,	)	
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and	)	
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District of Columbia	)	
Department of Human Services,	)	
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District of Columbia	)	
Department of Correction,	)	
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and	)	
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District of Columbia	)	
Department of Public Works,	)	
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	)	PERB Case No. 96-AC-01
	)	Opinion No. 474
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**DECISION AND ORDER AMENDING CERTIFICATION**

On April 23, 1996, the Doctors Council of the District of Columbia (Petitioner), in accordance with Section 516 of the Rules of the Public Employee Relations Board (Board), filed a Petition to Amend Certification (Petition). The Petitioner is the certified exclusive representative of a unit of dentist, physicians and podiatrists employed by the D.C. Departments of Corrections, Human Services and Public Works.<sup>1/</sup> The Petitioner

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<sup>1/</sup> The Doctors Council of the District of Columbia was first certified as the exclusive representative for a non-compensation unit of "[a]ll dentists, physicians and podiatrists employed by the District of Columbia Department of Corrections and the District of Columbia Department of Human Services..." PERB Case No. 84-R-12, Certification No. 42 (1987). On October 1, 1987, St. Elizabeth Hospital was removed from the jurisdiction of the U.S. government and placed under the jurisdiction of the D.C. government, vis-a-vi, D.C. Department of Human Services. In PERB Case No. 88-R-12, the Board amended the Petitioner's certification to reflect the inclusion of dentists, physicians and podiatrists at St. Elizabeth  
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seeks to amend its name to reflect its recent affiliation with the National Union of Hospitals and Healthcare Employees (NUHHCE), American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO.

In accordance with Board Rule 516.2, a request to respond to the Petition was issued to the Office of Labor Relations and Collective Bargaining (OLRCB), on behalf of DHS, DOC and DPW. Notices concerning the Petition were posted. OLRCB expressed that it had no objection to the requested amendment.

Board Rule 516 provides that "an exclusive representative shall file a petition with the Board to amend its certification whenever there is a change in the identity of the exclusive representative that does not raise a question concerning representation... A change in the identity of the representative that does not raise a question concerning representation may include a change in the name of the organization." The Board having investigated and considered this matter, finds no question concerning representation exists that would preclude the requested amendment to certification. In view of the fact that the provisions of Board Rule 516 are met and no objection has been made by the parties in interest, we grant the Petition to Amend the Certification as requested.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

Certification No. 42, PERB Case No. 84-R-12, is amended to reflect a change in the name of the exclusive representative set forth therein from the Doctors Council of the District of Columbia to the Doctors Council of the District of Columbia, National Union of Hospitals and Healthcare Employees, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO.

BY ORDER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD  
Washington, D.C.

June 27, 1996

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<sup>1</sup>(...continued)

Hospital who had designated the Petitioner as their exclusive representative in a secret ballot election. On January 10, 1992, the Board granted the Petitioner's request to modify its unit of dentists, physicians and podiatrists at DHS and DOC by adding "non-managerial, non-supervisory physicians, dentists and podiatrist at the Department of Public Works." PERB Case No. 92-R-01 (1992).