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Jonathan G. Katz
Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20549

**Re: Coventry Health Care, Inc. - Corrected Statement Under Oath
of Principal Executive Officer**

Dear Secretary Katz:

On August 12, 2002, Coventry's Principal Executive Officer filed an original and one copy of his Statement Under Oath pursuant to Order No. 4-460 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (June 27, 2002), which incorrectly referred to him as the principal "financial" officer instead of the principal executive officer. Enclosed are one (1) original and one (1) copy of a corrected Statement Under Oath.

Please file stamp the enclosed copy of this letter and the enclosed copy of the corrected Statement Under Oath and return them to the waiting messenger.

Thank you for your consideration. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Shirley R. Smith'.

Shirley R. Smith
Senior Vice President
And Secretary

Enclosures

**Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer
Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings**

I, Allen F. Wise, principal executive officer of Coventry Health Care, Inc. ("Coventry"), state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Coventry, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the audit committee of Coventry's Board of Directors.

(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

- Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001, of Coventry;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Coventry filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Allen F. Wise
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8/14/02
Date

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 14th day of
August 2002.

Yvonne R. Zienta
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 12-02-02

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