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MERRILL LYNCH HEALTHCARE FUND INC

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MERRILL LYNCH HEALTHCARE FUND, INC.

 SUPPLEMENT DATED JANUARY 5, 1994 TO
 PROSPECTUS DATED AUGUST 27, 1993

The second full paragraph and related chart on page 20 of the Prospectus is replaced with the following:

Initial sales charges may be waived for shareholders purchasing \$1 million or more in a single transaction (other than a tax qualified retirement plan under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), or deferred compensation plan under Section 403(b) and Section 457 of the Code), or a purchase by a TMSM Managed Trust, of Class A shares of the Company. In addition, purchases of Class A shares of the Company made in connection with a single investment of \$1 million or more under the Merrill Lynch Mutual Fund Adviser Program will not be subject to an initial sales charge. Purchases described in this paragraph will be subject to a contingent deferred sales charge if the shares are redeemed within one year after purchase at the following rates:

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AMOUNT OF PURCHASE -----	CONTINGENT DEFERRED SALES CHARGE AS A PERCENTAGE OF DOLLAR AMOUNT SUBJECT TO CHARGE -----
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\$1 million up to \$2.5 million.....	1.00%
Over \$2.5 million up to \$3.5 million.....	0.60%
Over \$3.5 million up to \$5 million.....	0.40%
Over \$5 million.....	0.25%

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