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PROSPECTUS

Kindred Healthcare, Inc.

**Offer to Exchange any and all of our outstanding unregistered 6.375% Senior Notes due 2022
for \$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of our new 6.375% Senior Notes due 2022
that have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act")**

Terms of the Exchange Offer

We are offering to exchange any and all of our outstanding unregistered 6.375% Senior Notes due 2022 that were issued on April 9, 2014 (the "Old Notes") for an equal amount of new 6.375% Senior Notes due 2022 (the "New Notes," and together with the Old Notes, the "notes").

The exchange offer expires at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on January 28, 2015 (such date and time, the "Expiration Date," unless we extend or terminate the exchange offer, in which case the "Expiration Date" will mean the latest date and time to which we extend the exchange offer).

Tenders of the Old Notes may be withdrawn at any time prior to the Expiration Date.

The Old Notes may be exchanged only in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

All Old Notes that are validly tendered and not validly withdrawn will be exchanged.

The exchange of the Old Notes for the New Notes will not be a taxable exchange for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

We will not receive any proceeds from the exchange offer.

The terms of the New Notes to be issued in the exchange offer are substantially the same as the terms of the Old Notes, except that the offer of the New Notes is registered under the Securities Act, and the New Notes have no transfer restrictions, registration rights or rights to additional interest.

The New Notes will not be listed on any securities exchange. A public market for the New Notes may not develop, which could make selling the New Notes difficult.

Each broker-dealer that receives the New Notes for its own account pursuant to the exchange offer must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such New Notes. The letter of transmittal accompanying this prospectus states that by so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act. This prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of the New Notes received in exchange for the Old Notes where such Old Notes were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. For a period of 120 days after the Expiration Date, we will make this prospectus, as amended or supplemented, available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any such resale. See Plan of Distribution.

Investing in the New Notes to be issued in the exchange offer involves certain risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page 14.

We are not making an offer to exchange the Old Notes in any jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted.

Neither the SEC nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is December 29, 2014.

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We are responsible for the information contained and incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to give you any other information, and we take no responsibility for any other information that others may give you. If you are in a jurisdiction where offers to sell, or solicitations of offers to purchase, the securities offered by this document are unlawful, or if you are a person to whom it is unlawful to direct these types of activities, then the offer presented in this document does not extend to you. The information contained in this document speaks only as of the date of this document unless the information specifically indicates that another date applies.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 to register this exchange offer of the New Notes, which you can access on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. This prospectus, which forms part of the registration statement, does not contain all of the information included in that registration statement. For further information about us and about the New Notes offered in this prospectus, you should refer to the registration statement and its exhibits. You may read and copy any materials we file with the SEC at the Public Reference Room maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain further information about the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. These materials are also available to the public from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Please note that the SEC's website is included in this prospectus as an inactive textual reference only.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

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We incorporate by reference into this prospectus certain information we and Gentiva Health Services, Inc. (Gentiva) file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus. Certain information that we subsequently file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede information in this prospectus and in our and Gentiva s other filings with the SEC.

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We incorporate by reference the documents listed below, which we have already filed with the SEC, and any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), after the date of the initial registration statement and prior to the termination of the exchange offer, except that we are not incorporating any information included in a Current Report on Form 8-K that has been or will be furnished (and not filed) with the SEC, unless such information is expressly incorporated herein by a reference in a furnished Current Report on Form 8-K or other furnished document:

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 filed with the SEC on February 28, 2014 (the Kindred 2013 10-K) (the financial statements and related audit report and management discussion and analysis have been superseded by the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 14, 2014);

our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2014 filed with the SEC on May 9, 2014; June 30, 2014 filed with the SEC on August 11, 2014; and September 30, 2014 filed with the SEC on November 7, 2014;

portions of our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 3, 2014 that are incorporated by reference into Part III of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013;

our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 4, 2011 (Exhibits 99.3 and 99.4 only); January 2, 2014; January 16, 2014; February 4, 2014; February 21, 2014 (Item 8.01 and Exhibit 99.2 only); March 26, 2014; March 27, 2014; March 28, 2014; April 14, 2014 (excluding Item 7.01 and Exhibit 99.1); April 17, 2014; May 8, 2014 (Item 8.01 and Exhibit 99.2 only); May 15, 2014 (Item 8.01 and Exhibit 99.1 only); May 23, 2014; June 3, 2014; June 16, 2014 (SEC Accession No. 0001193125-14-237656); June 16, 2014 (SEC Accession No. 0001193125-14-237710) (Item 8.01 and Exhibit 99.1 only); June 20, 2014; June 25, 2014; July 25, 2014; August 7, 2014 (Item 8.01 and Exhibit 99.2 only); October 9, 2014 (Item 8.01 only); October 14, 2014; October 23, 2014; October 31, 2014; November 3, 2014; November 6, 2014 (SEC Accession No. 0001193125-14-398918); November 6, 2014 (SEC Accession No. 0001193125-14-399781) (Item 8.01 and Exhibit 99.2 only); November 12, 2014 (Item 1.01 only); November 17, 2014; November 20, 2014; November 25, 2014; December 8, 2014; December 12, 2014, December 15, 2014, December 17, 2014 and December 18, 2014 (Item 1.01 only);

our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 14, 2014 (including a recast presentation of certain sections of the Kindred 2013 10-K);

our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 17, 2014 (including the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and for the year ended December 31, 2013);

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Part I. Financial Information Item 1. Financial Statements of Gentiva Health Services, Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2014 filed with the SEC on November 14, 2014;

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data of Gentiva Health Services, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2013 filed with the SEC on November 14, 2014; and

Gentiva Health Services, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K/A (Amendment No. 1) (Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 only) filed with the SEC on December 23, 2013.

The representations, warranties and covenants contained in the Merger Agreement (as defined herein) were made only for purposes of such agreement and as of specific dates, were solely for the benefit of the parties to such agreement, may be subject to limitations agreed upon by the contracting parties, including being qualified by confidential disclosures made for the purposes of allocating contractual risk between the parties to such agreement instead of establishing these matters as facts, and may be subject to standards of materiality applicable

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to the contracting parties that differ from those applicable to investors. Investors are not third-party beneficiaries under the Merger Agreement and should not rely on the representations, warranties and covenants or any descriptions thereof as characterizations of the actual state of facts or condition of the parties thereto or any of their respective subsidiaries or affiliates. Moreover, information concerning the subject matter of representations and warranties may change after the date of the Merger Agreement, which subsequent information may or may not be fully reflected in Kindred's or Gentiva's public disclosures.

Copies of these filings may be obtained at no cost by writing or calling us at the following address and telephone number:

Corporate Secretary

Kindred Healthcare, Inc.

680 South Fourth Street

Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Telephone: (502) 596-7300

To obtain timely delivery of any copies of filings requested, please write or call us no later than five business days before the Expiration Date of the exchange offer. This means that you must request this information no later than January 21, 2015.

Kindred's filings above are also available to the public on our website <http://www.kindredhealthcare.com>. (We have included our website address as an inactive textual reference and do not intend it to be an active link to our website. Information on our website is not part of this prospectus.)

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SUMMARY

The following information supplements, and should be read together with, the information contained or incorporated by reference in other parts of this prospectus. This summary highlights selected information from this prospectus. As a result, it does not contain all the information that may be important to you and is qualified in its entirety by more detailed information appearing elsewhere in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus. You should carefully read this entire prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference herein, which are described under

Where You Can Find More Information and *Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference* before making an investment decision. You should pay special attention to the *Risk Factors* section of this prospectus and the *Risk Factors* sections of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2014 before making an investment decision.

In this prospectus, unless otherwise specified or the context requires otherwise: (i) references to we, us, our, the Company, the issuer and Kindred are references to Kindred Healthcare, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries as of the date hereof; (ii) references to Gentiva are references to Gentiva Health Services, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries as of the date hereof; and (iii) references to the combined company are references to Kindred Healthcare, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries (including Gentiva and its consolidated subsidiaries) after the completion of the Transactions, including the Merger (each as defined herein), and assume that the Merger is completed.

With respect to the discussion of the terms of the notes on the cover page, in the section entitled Summary Summary of the Exchange Offer, in the section entitled Summary Summary of the New Notes and in the section entitled Description of the Notes, references to we, us or our include only Kindred Healthcare, Inc. and not any other consolidated subsidiaries of Kindred Healthcare, Inc.

Company Overview

General

Kindred is one of the largest diversified post-acute healthcare providers in the United States. At September 30, 2014, Kindred, through its subsidiaries, provided healthcare services in 2,376 locations across 47 states.

We have organized our business into four operating divisions:

Hospital Division Our hospital division provides long-term acute care (LTAC) services to medically complex patients through the operation of a national network of 97 transitional care (TC) hospitals with 7,145 licensed beds and five inpatient rehabilitation hospitals (IRFs) with 215 licensed beds in 22 states as of September 30, 2014. We operate the second largest network of TC hospitals and IRFs in the United States based upon number of facilities.

Nursing Center Division Our nursing center division provides quality, cost-effective care through the operation of a national network of 99 nursing centers (12,478 licensed beds) and six assisted living facilities (341 beds) located in 21 states as of September 30, 2014. Through our nursing centers, we provide short stay patients and long stay residents with a full range of medical, nursing, rehabilitative, pharmacy and routine

services, including daily dietary, social and recreational services.

Rehabilitation Division Our rehabilitation division provides rehabilitation services, including physical and occupational therapies and speech pathology services, to residents and patients of nursing centers, acute and LTAC hospitals, outpatient clinics, home health agencies and assisted living facilities under the name RehabCare. Within our rehabilitation division, we are organized into two

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reportable operating segments: skilled nursing rehabilitation services (SRS) and hospital rehabilitation services (HRS). Our SRS operations provide contract therapy services primarily to freestanding nursing centers, school districts and hospice providers. As of September 30, 2014, our SRS segment provided rehabilitative services to 1,896 nursing centers in 45 states. Our HRS operations provide program management and therapy services on an inpatient basis in hospital-based inpatient rehabilitation units, LTAC hospitals, sub-acute (or skilled nursing) units, as well as on an outpatient basis to hospital-based and other satellite programs. As of September 30, 2014, our HRS segment operated 102 hospital-based inpatient rehabilitation units and provided rehabilitation services in 117 LTAC hospitals, 10 sub-acute (or skilled nursing) units and 139 outpatient clinics.

Care Management Division Our care management division primarily provides home health, hospice and private duty services, under the name Kindred at Home, to patients in a variety of settings, including homes, nursing centers and other residential settings. As of September 30, 2014, we operated 152 Kindred at Home hospice, home health and non-medical home care locations in 13 states. While minor in scope at this time, our care management division is also developing (1) physician coverage across sites of service, (2) care managers to improve care transitions, (3) information sharing and technology connectivity, (4) patient placement tools, and (5) condition-specific clinical programs and outcome measures.

We believe that the independent focus of each of our divisions on the unique aspects of its business enhances its ability to improve the quality of its operations and achieve operating efficiencies.

All financial and statistical information presented or incorporated by reference in this prospectus reflects the continuing operations of our businesses for all periods presented unless otherwise indicated.

Corporate and Other Information

Our business is conducted through Kindred Healthcare, Inc., a Delaware corporation and the issuer of the New Notes offered hereby, and its consolidated subsidiaries. Our principal executive offices are located at 680 South Fourth Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202 and our telephone number is (502) 596-7300. Our corporate website address is www.kindredhealthcare.com. We do not incorporate the information contained on, or accessible through, our corporate website into this prospectus, and you should not consider it part of this prospectus.

Recent Developments

We entered into an incremental joinder agreement dated as of December 12, 2014 (the Incremental ABL Joinder) to the ABL Credit Agreement dated as of June 1, 2011, as previously amended and restated from time to time (as amended, the ABL Facility). See Acquisition of Gentiva Health Services Financing Transactions Credit Facilities Amendments.

On December 8, 2014, we launched an unregistered offering of \$1.35 billion aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes (the Senior Notes) in a private placement (the Senior Notes Offering). The Senior Notes Offering priced on December 11, 2014 and closed on December 18, 2014. The Senior Notes consist of \$750 million aggregate principal amount of 8.00% senior notes due 2020 and \$600 million aggregate principal amount of 8.75% senior notes due 2023. See Acquisition of Gentiva Health Services Financing Transactions Senior Notes Offering.

On November 25, 2014, we completed the offering of (i) 150,000 7.50% tangible equity units of the Company (the Units) for cash and (ii) 5,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.25 per share, of the Company (Common Stock) for cash. On December 1, 2014, the underwriters exercised their over-allotment options to purchase 22,500

additional Units and 395,759 additional shares of Common Stock. The sale of the additional Units and additional shares of Common Stock closed on December 3, 2014. In this prospectus, we refer to the offering and sale of the Units as the Units Offering and the offering and sale of our Common Stock as the Common Stock Offering.

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On November 25, 2014, we entered into a fourth amendment and restatement agreement (the **Term Loan Amendment**) among Kindred, the consenting lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent. The Term Loan Amendment amended and restated the Term Loan Credit Agreement dated as of June 1, 2011, as amended and restated from time to time (as amended, the **Term Loan Facility** and, together with the ABL Facility, the **Credit Facilities**), to, among other items, modify certain provisions to permit the issuance of the Senior Notes into an escrow account, increase the applicable interest rate margins on the term loans, temporarily increase the maximum total leverage ratio permitted under the financial maintenance covenants and modify certain provisions related to the incurrence of debt and the making of acquisitions, investments and restricted payments.

On November 11, 2014, we entered into a definitive agreement (the **Centerre Merger Agreement**) to acquire Centerre Healthcare Corporation (**Centerre**), a national company that operates IRFs in partnership with leading acute care hospitals and health systems, for a purchase price of approximately \$195 million in cash (the **Centerre Acquisition**). Centerre currently operates 11 IRFs with a total of 612 beds in joint ventures with acute-care hospital systems in eight states. Centerre has two additional hospitals with a total of 90 beds under construction and scheduled to open in 2015, and additional potential hospitals in various stages of development. The Centerre Acquisition is subject to several conditions to closing, including, among others, approval of the merger agreement by the requisite vote of Centerre's stockholders, regulatory approvals, consents from certain joint venture partners and certain other customary conditions to closing, including the expiration of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended (the **HSR Act**). The Centerre Acquisition is expected to close in the first quarter of 2015.

On November 5, 2014, we announced that upon closing of our acquisition of Gentiva, which is expected in the first quarter of 2015, David A. Causby will become the President of the combined Kindred at Home business. Mr. Causby, currently Gentiva's President and Chief Operating Officer, will be responsible for the combined company's home health, hospice, palliative, and community care offerings. Mr. Causby will serve on the Company's Executive Committee and will report to Benjamin A. Breier, Kindred's President and Chief Operating Officer.

On October 30, 2014, we announced that Benjamin A. Breier will become Chief Executive Officer on March 31, 2015, succeeding Paul J. Diaz who will become Executive Vice Chairman of Kindred's board of directors. Mr. Breier will also become a member of Kindred's board of directors, effective March 31, 2015.

On October 9, 2014, we entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Gentiva, a leading national provider of home health, hospice and community care services in the United States, for a total consideration of approximately \$1.8 billion. For additional information, see **Acquisition of Gentiva Health Services**.

Acquisition of Gentiva Health Services

Acquisition Overview

On October 9, 2014, Kindred and Gentiva entered into the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 9, 2014 (the **Merger Agreement**), under which Kindred will acquire Gentiva and its subsidiaries (the **Merger**) for (i) \$14.50 in cash (the **Cash Consideration**), without interest, and (ii) 0.257 shares of a validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable share of our Common Stock (the **Stock Consideration** and, together with the Cash Consideration, the **Merger Consideration**) per share of Gentiva's common stock, \$0.10 par value (each a **Gentiva Share**). The Merger Agreement provides for the merger of the Merger Sub, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, with and into Gentiva, with Gentiva surviving the Merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. Nothing in this prospectus should be construed as an offer to purchase any of the Gentiva Shares, our Common Stock or the Senior Notes.

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The combination of Kindred and Gentiva will create a nation-wide integrated care delivery system. The transaction combines two market leaders in complementary specialties and creates a combined company with significantly increased diversity and scale. Further, the transaction will enhance Kindred's leading position in the post-acute and rehabilitation services market in the United States and will make Kindred at Home one of the largest and most geographically diversified home health and hospice providers in the United States. By combining two market leaders, we believe that the Merger will advance the development of our integrated approach to patient care, creating significant value for both companies' patients, employees and shareholders. The combined company will operate across 47 states with more than 2,860 locations.

If the Merger is completed, we intend to use the net proceeds of the Financing Transactions (as defined below), to fund the Cash Consideration for the Merger, to repay Gentiva's existing debt and to pay related fees and expenses.

Gentiva Overview

Gentiva Health Services, Inc. is a leading provider of home health services, hospice services and community care services serving patients through approximately 493 locations in 40 states as of September 30, 2014. Gentiva provides a single source for skilled nursing; physical, occupational, speech and neuro-rehabilitation services; hospice services; social work; nutrition; disease management education; help with daily living activities; and other therapies and services. Gentiva's revenues are generated predominantly from federal and state government programs and, to a minor extent, commercial insurance and individual consumers.

Gentiva organizes its business into three operating segments:

Home Health Segment provides direct home nursing and therapy services operations, including specialty programs, through approximately 294 locations located in 38 states as of September 30, 2014;

Hospice Segment serves terminally ill patients and their families through approximately 165 locations operating in 30 states as of September 30, 2014; and

Community Care Segment serves patients who have chronic or long-term disabilities who need help with routine personal care through approximately 34 locations in four states as of September 30, 2014. These services include help with personal needs, such as bathing and dressing, and household activities, such as laundry and shopping, all of which help enable the patient to remain at home.

On October 18, 2013, Gentiva completed the acquisition of certain assets relating to the home health, hospice and community care businesses of Harden Healthcare Holdings, Inc. (Harden) pursuant to an agreement and plan of merger dated as of September 18, 2013 for a total consideration of \$426.8 million, exclusive of transaction costs, in a combination of cash and stock.

During 2013, Gentiva undertook a corporate restructuring initiative, referred to as One Gentiva, to better align its home health, hospice and community care businesses under a common regional management structure. In addition, it undertook a branch rationalization initiative to review under-performing branches. As a result of this review, Gentiva has closed or consolidated 94 branches through the first half of 2014.

See Risk Factors Risk Factors Relating to the Merger and Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements for risks, uncertainties and other factors that may influence the outcome of our acquisition of Gentiva.

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Financing Transactions

As described in more detail below, the following transactions (collectively, the **Financing Transactions**) have occurred or are expected to occur in connection with the Merger:

we entered into the Credit Facilities Amendments and plan to borrow approximately \$164 million under the ABL Facility (each, as defined below);

we are offering \$1.35 billion aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes in the Senior Notes Offering;

we issued 172,500 Units in the Units Offering; and

we issued 5,395,759 shares of Common Stock in the Common Stock Offering.

Credit Facilities Amendments

We entered into an amendment and restatement agreement dated as of October 31, 2014 (the **ABL Amendment**) to the ABL Facility to, among other items, modify certain provisions to permit the issuance of the Senior Notes into escrow. Upon the completion of the Merger and the satisfaction of certain other conditions, the ABL Amendment provides for a further amendment and restatement of the ABL Facility to, among other items, modify certain provisions related to the incurrence of debt and the making of acquisitions, investments and restricted payments.

In addition, we also entered into the Incremental ABL Joinder to the ABL Facility. Upon the completion of the Merger and the satisfaction of certain other conditions, the Incremental ABL Joinder provides for additional revolving commitments in an aggregate principal amount of \$150.0 million.

We entered into the Term Loan Amendment on November 25, 2014, which amended and restated the Term Loan Facility, to, among other items, modify certain provisions to permit the issuance of the Senior Notes into escrow, increase the applicable interest rate margins on the term loans, temporarily increase the maximum total leverage ratio permitted under the financial maintenance covenants and modify certain provisions related to the incurrence of debt and the making of acquisitions, investments and restricted payments.

The amendments to the Credit Facilities as set forth in the ABL Amendment, the Incremental ABL Joinder and the Term Loan Amendment are referred to in this prospectus as the **Credit Facilities Amendments**.

Senior Notes Offering

We are offering \$1.35 billion aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes in a private placement. The Senior Notes Offering priced on December 11, 2014 and closed on December 18, 2014. The Senior Notes were issued initially by Kindred Escrow Corp. II, a wholly owned subsidiary of Kindred (the **Escrow Issuer**), and the gross proceeds from the Senior Notes Offering, together with any additional amount sufficient to fund the redemption price and any accrued interest, were deposited into escrow until the Merger is completed. If the Merger is completed, the Escrow Issuer will be merged with and into Kindred, and as a result we will assume the Escrow Issuer's obligations under the Senior Notes and the Senior Notes will be guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by each of our domestic 100% owned

restricted subsidiaries that guarantee the Credit Facilities. If the Merger is not completed, the Escrow Issuer will redeem all of the Senior Notes at a redemption price specified in the indentures governing the Senior Notes. The indentures governing the Senior Notes contain customary covenants, including, among others, covenants that restrict our ability and our subsidiaries' ability to pay dividends, make distributions or redeem or repurchase our capital stock.

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The Senior Notes Offering was not registered with the SEC, and the Senior Notes were sold privately by means of a confidential offering memorandum.

Units Offering

On November 25, 2014, in an offering registered with the SEC, we completed the sale of 150,000 Units for cash. On December 1, 2014, the underwriters exercised in full their over-allotment option to purchase 22,500 additional Units, which we closed on December 3, 2014. Each Unit is comprised of a prepaid stock purchase contract issued by the Company (a Purchase Contract) and one share of 7.25% Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Stock, Series A of the Company (the Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Stock) having a final preferred stock installment payment date (as defined in the prospectus supplement for the Units Offering) of December 1, 2017 and an initial liquidation preference of \$201.58 per share of Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Stock. The net proceeds from the Units Offering, after deducting the underwriting discount and estimated offering expenses, were approximately \$166.3 million.

Common Stock Offering

On November 25, 2014, in an offering registered with the SEC, we completed the sale of 5,000,000 shares of our Common Stock for cash. On December 1, 2014, the underwriters exercised their over-allotment option to purchase 395,759 additional shares of Common Stock, which we closed on December 3, 2014. The net proceeds of the Common Stock Offering, after deducting the underwriting discount and estimated offering expenses, were approximately \$101.0 million.

The Merger, the Credit Facilities Amendments, the Units Offering, the Common Stock Offering, the Senior Notes Offering and the payment of associated fees and expenses are collectively referred to in this prospectus as the Transactions. We cannot assure you that we will complete all of the Financing Transactions on the terms contemplated by this prospectus or at all.

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Summary of the Exchange Offer

Background

On April 9, 2014, we issued \$500 million aggregate principal amount of the Old Notes in an unregistered offering. In connection with that offering, we entered into a registration rights agreement on April 9, 2014 (the Registration Rights Agreement), in which we agreed, among other things, to complete this exchange offer. Under the terms of the exchange offer, you are entitled to exchange the Old Notes for the New Notes evidencing the same indebtedness and with substantially similar terms. You should read the discussion under the heading Description of the Notes for further information regarding the New Notes.

The Exchange Offer

We are offering to exchange, for each \$1,000 aggregate principal amount of our Old Notes validly tendered and accepted, \$1,000 aggregate principal amount of our New Notes in authorized denominations.

We will not pay any accrued and unpaid interest on the Old Notes that we acquire in the exchange offer. Instead, interest on the New Notes will accrue (a) from the later of (i) the last interest payment date on which interest was paid on the Old Note surrendered in exchange for the New Note or (ii) if the Old Note is surrendered for exchange on a date in a period that includes the record date for an interest payment date to occur on or after the date of such exchange and as to which interest will be paid, the date of such interest payment date, or (b) if no interest has been paid, from and including April 9, 2014, the original issue date of the Old Notes.

As of the date of this prospectus, \$500 million aggregate principal amount of the Old Notes are outstanding.

Denominations of New Notes

Tendering holders of the Old Notes must tender the Old Notes in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The New Notes will be issued in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Expiration Date

The exchange offer will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on January 28, 2015, unless we extend or terminate the exchange offer in which case the Expiration Date will mean the latest date and time to which we extend the exchange offer.

Settlement Date	The settlement date of the exchange offer will be as soon as practicable after the Expiration Date of the exchange offer.
Withdrawal of Tenders	Tenders of the Old Notes may be withdrawn at any time prior to the Expiration Date.
Conditions to the Exchange Offer	Our obligation to consummate the exchange offer is subject to certain customary conditions, which we may assert or waive. See Description of the Exchange Offer Conditions to the Exchange Offer.

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Procedures for Tendering

To participate in the exchange offer, you must follow the automatic tender offer program (ATOP) procedures established by The Depository Trust Company (DTC) for tendering the Old Notes held in book-entry form. The ATOP procedures require that the exchange agent receive, prior to the Expiration Date of the exchange offer, a computer-generated message known as an agent s message that is transmitted through ATOP and that DTC confirm that:

DTC has received instructions to exchange your Old Notes; and

you agree to be bound by the terms of the letter of transmittal.

For more details, please read Description of the Exchange Offer Terms of the Exchange Offer and Description of the Exchange Offer Procedures for Tendering. If you elect to have the Old Notes exchanged pursuant to this exchange offer, you must properly tender your Old Notes prior to the Expiration Date. All Old Notes validly tendered and not properly withdrawn will be accepted for exchange. The Old Notes may be exchanged only in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Consequences of Failure to Exchange

If we complete the exchange offer and you do not participate in it, then:

your Old Notes will continue to be subject to the existing restrictions upon their transfer;

we will have no further obligation to provide for the registration under the Securities Act of those Old Notes except under certain limited circumstances; and

the liquidity of the market for your Old Notes could be adversely affected.

Certain Income Tax Considerations

The exchange pursuant to the exchange offer will not be a taxable event for U.S. federal income tax purposes. See Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations in this prospectus.

Use of Proceeds

We will not receive any cash proceeds from the issuance of the New Notes in this exchange offer.

Exchange Agent

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association is the exchange agent for the exchange offer.

Regulatory Approvals

Other than the federal securities laws, there are no federal or state regulatory requirements that we must comply with and there are no approvals that we must obtain in connection with the exchange offer.

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Summary of the New Notes

Issuer	Kindred Healthcare, Inc., a Delaware corporation.
Securities Offered	\$500 million aggregate principal amount of 6.375% Senior Notes due 2022.
Maturity Date	April 15, 2022.
Interest Rate	6.375% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears on April 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing on October 15, 2014. Interest on the New Notes will accrue (a) from the later of (i) the last interest payment date on which interest was paid on the Old Note surrendered in exchange for the New Note or (ii) if the Old Note is surrendered for exchange on a date in a period that includes the record date for an interest payment date to occur on or after the date of such exchange and as to which interest will be paid, the date of such interest payment date, or (b) if no interest has been paid, from and including April 9, 2014, the original issue date of the Old Notes.
Optional Redemption	The New Notes will be redeemable at our option, in whole or in part, at any time on or after April 15, 2017, at the redemption prices set forth in this prospectus, together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption. At any time prior to April 15, 2017, we may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate original principal amount of the New Notes with the proceeds of one or more equity offerings of our common shares at a redemption price of 106.375% of the principal amount of the New Notes, together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption. At any time prior to April 15, 2017, we may also redeem some or all of the New Notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the New Notes plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption, plus a make-whole premium. See Description of the Notes Optional Redemption.

Change of Control, Asset Sales

The occurrence of certain changes of control will require us to offer to purchase from you all or a portion of your New Notes at a price equal to 101% of their principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase. See Description of the Notes Repurchase at the Option of Holders Change of Control.

Certain asset dispositions may require us, under certain circumstances, to use the proceeds from those asset dispositions to make an offer to purchase the New Notes at 100% of their principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase. See

Description of the Notes Repurchase at the Option of Holders Sales of Assets and Subsidiary Stock.

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Guarantees

The New Notes will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by all of our domestic 100% owned restricted subsidiaries that guarantee the Credit Facilities. Certain non-100% owned restricted subsidiaries that guarantee the Credit Facilities will not guarantee the New Notes (together with the unrestricted subsidiaries, the non-guarantor subsidiaries). All future domestic 100% owned restricted subsidiaries that will guarantee our indebtedness under the Credit Facilities will also fully and unconditionally guarantee the New Notes. The guarantees will be released when the guarantees of our indebtedness under the Credit Facilities are released and in certain other circumstances as described in Description of the Notes Subsidiary Guarantees.

The guarantees will be unsecured senior indebtedness of our guarantors and will have the same ranking with respect to indebtedness of our guarantors as the New Notes will have with respect to our indebtedness.

Ranking

The New Notes will:

be our general unsecured senior obligations;

rank equally in right of payment with all of our existing and future senior debt;

be effectively junior in right of payment to our secured debt, including the Credit Facilities, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt;

be structurally subordinated to all of the existing and future liabilities (including trade payables) of each of our subsidiaries that do not guarantee the New Notes; and

be senior in right of payment to all of our existing and future subordinated debt.

As of September 30, 2014, after giving effect to the Transactions, (1) the New Notes and related guarantees would have ranked effectively junior to approximately \$1.2 billion of senior secured indebtedness consisting solely of borrowings under the Credit Facilities, (2) we would have had additional borrowing capacity under the ABL Facility of approximately \$432 million before giving effect to the Incremental ABL Joinder

(subject to a borrowing base and after giving effect to approximately \$5 million of Kindred's letters of credit outstanding on September 30, 2014 and approximately \$56 million of Gentiva's letters of credit outstanding on September 30, 2014 that we may assume upon the consummation of the Merger) and (3) the New Notes would be effectively junior to approximately \$4 million of secured indebtedness of our non-guarantor subsidiaries, consisting of a bank note.

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Form and Denomination

The New Notes will be issued in fully-registered form. The New Notes will be represented by one or more global notes, deposited with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee") as custodian for DTC and registered in the name of Cede & Co., DTC's nominee. Beneficial interests in the global notes will be shown on, and any transfers will be effective only through, records maintained by DTC and its participants.

The New Notes will be issued in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Certain Covenants

The indenture governing the New Notes contains certain covenants that, among other things, limit our and our restricted subsidiaries' ability to:

incur, assume or guarantee additional indebtedness;

issue redeemable stock and preferred stock;

pay dividends, make distributions or redeem or repurchase capital stock;

prepay, redeem or repurchase debt that is junior in right of payment to the notes;

make loans and investments;

grant or incur liens;

restrict dividends, loans or asset transfers from our subsidiaries;

sell or otherwise dispose of assets, including capital stock of subsidiaries;

enter into transactions with affiliates; and

consolidate or merge with or into, or sell substantially all of our assets to, another person.

These covenants will be subject to a number of important exceptions and qualifications. For more details, see Description of the Notes.

If the New Notes are rated investment grade at any time by both Standard & Poor's Ratings Group, Inc. (S&P) and Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (Moody's), certain of these covenants will be suspended, and the holders of the New Notes will lose the protection of these covenants.

Absence of Public Market for the New Notes

The New Notes are a new issue of securities and there is currently no established trading market for the New Notes. We do not intend to apply for a listing of the New Notes on any securities exchange or an automated dealer quotation system. Accordingly, there can be no assurance as to the development or liquidity of any market for the New Notes. The initial purchasers of the Old Notes have advised us that they currently intend to make a market in the notes. However, they are not obligated to do so, and any market making with respect to the notes may be discontinued without notice.

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Governing Law	The New Notes are governed by, and construed in accordance with, the internal laws of the State of New York.
Book-Entry Depository	The Depository Trust Company.
Trustee	Wells Fargo Bank, National Association.
Risk Factors	In evaluating an investment in the New Notes, prospective investors should carefully consider, along with the other information included in this prospectus, the specific factors set forth under the heading Risk Factors in this prospectus and otherwise incorporated by reference herein.

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Our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2013 is set forth below. You should read this table in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes incorporated by reference in this prospectus. For the purpose of computing these ratios, earnings consists of consolidated pretax income from continuing operations before adjustment for noncontrolling interests in consolidated subsidiaries and income or loss from equity investees, plus fixed charges, distributed income of equity investees and amortization of capitalized interest, less interest capitalized; fixed charges consists of interest expense from continuing and discontinued operations, amortized debt discounts and fees, interest capitalized related to indebtedness and an estimated interest component of rental expense.

	(dollars in thousands)					
		Years ended December 31,				Nine months ended
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	September 30, 2014
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges(1)	1.30x	1.19x				1.05x

- (1) For the years ended December 31, 2011, 2012 and 2013, there was a deficiency of earnings to cover fixed charges of \$80,877, \$17,228 and \$53,054, respectively.

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RISK FACTORS

Investing in the New Notes involves risk. In addition to the other information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, including the matters addressed under Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements, you should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties described below, as well as the risks discussed in our public filings with the SEC (including under the heading Risk Factors in the 2013 Annual Report), before deciding to participate in the exchange offer and to invest in the New Notes. The risks and uncertainties described below and incorporated by reference into this prospectus are not the only ones related to our business, the exchange offer or the New Notes. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also materially and adversely affect our business operations, results of operations, financial condition, liquidity or prospects. The trading price of the New Notes could decline due to the materialization of any of these risks, and you may lose all or part of your original investment in the New Notes.

Risk Factors Relating to Our Indebtedness and the New Notes

Our indebtedness could adversely affect our cash flow and prevent us from fulfilling our obligations, including the New Notes.

We have a substantial amount of indebtedness. As of September 30, 2014, after giving effect to the Transactions, we would have had total indebtedness of approximately \$3.0 billion in addition to the availability of approximately \$432 million under the ABL Facility before giving effect to the Incremental ABL Joinder (subject to a borrowing base and after giving effect to approximately \$5 million of Kindred's letters of credit outstanding on September 30, 2014 and approximately \$56 million of Gentiva's letters of credit outstanding on September 30, 2014 that Kindred may assume upon the consummation of the Merger). The completion of the Merger and the Centerre Acquisition will significantly increase our aggregate indebtedness. Our substantial amount of indebtedness could have important consequences for you. For example it could:

make it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to our indebtedness, including with respect to the New Notes;

increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;

expose us to fluctuations in the interest rate environment because the interest rates under the Credit Facilities are variable;

require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to make payments on our indebtedness, thereby reducing the availability of our cash flow to fund working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, dividends and other general corporate purposes;

limit our ability to borrow additional funds for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and other general purposes;

limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate, which may place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less debt; and

restrict us from pursuing business opportunities.

Our indebtedness may restrict our current and future operations, which could adversely affect our ability to respond to changes in our business and manage our operations.

The terms of the Credit Facilities, the indenture governing the New Notes and the indentures governing the Senior Notes include a number of restrictive covenants that impose significant operating and financial restrictions on us and our restricted subsidiaries, including restrictions on our and our restricted subsidiaries' ability to, among other things:

incur additional indebtedness;

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create liens;

consolidate or merge;

sell assets, including capital stock of our subsidiaries;

engage in transactions with our affiliates;

pay dividends on our capital stock or redeem, repurchase or retire our capital stock or indebtedness; and

make investments, loans, advances and acquisitions.

The terms of the Credit Facilities also include certain additional restrictive covenants that impose significant operating and financial restrictions on us and our restricted subsidiaries, including restrictions on our and our restricted subsidiaries' ability to, among other things:

engage in business other than relating to owning, operating or managing healthcare facilities;

enter into sale and lease-back transactions;

modify certain agreements;

make or incur capital expenditures; and

hold cash and temporary cash investments outside of collateral accounts.

In addition, the Credit Facilities require us to comply with financial covenants, including a maximum leverage ratio and a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio.

Our ability to comply with these agreements may be affected by events beyond our control, including prevailing economic, financial and industry conditions. These covenants could have an adverse effect on our business by limiting our ability to take advantage of financing, merger and acquisition or other opportunities. The breach of any of these covenants or restrictions could result in a default under the Credit Facilities, the indenture governing the New Notes or the indentures governing the Senior Notes.

Our failure to comply with the agreements relating to our outstanding indebtedness, including as a result of events beyond our control, could result in an event of default that could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

If there were an event of default under any of the agreements relating to our outstanding indebtedness, including the Credit Facilities, the indenture governing the New Notes and the indentures governing the Senior Notes, we may not be able to incur additional indebtedness under the Credit Facilities and the holders of the defaulted debt could cause all amounts outstanding with respect to that debt to be due and payable immediately. We cannot assure you that our assets or cash flow would be sufficient to fully repay borrowings under our outstanding debt instruments if accelerated upon an event of default, which could have a material adverse effect on our ability to continue to operate as a going concern. Further, if we are unable to repay, refinance or restructure our secured debt, the holders of such debt could proceed against the collateral securing that indebtedness. In addition, any event of default or declaration of acceleration under one debt instrument also could result in an event of default under one or more of our other debt instruments or under the master lease agreements (Master Lease Agreements) with Ventas, Inc. (Ventas). Moreover, counterparties to some of our contracts material to our business may have the right to amend or terminate those contracts if we have an event of default or a declaration of acceleration under certain of our indebtedness, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

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We, including our subsidiaries, have the ability to incur substantially more indebtedness, including senior secured indebtedness, which could further increase the risks associated with our leverage.

Subject to the restrictions in the Credit Facilities, the indenture governing the New Notes and the indentures governing the Senior Notes, we, including our subsidiaries, have the ability to incur significant additional indebtedness. In addition, after giving effect to the Merger and related Financing Transactions, we will have the ability to incur additional indebtedness. As of September 30, 2014, after giving effect to the Transactions, we would have had:

\$1.2 billion of senior secured indebtedness under the Credit Facilities;

\$500 million of senior unsecured indebtedness under the Old Notes;

\$1.35 billion aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes offered in the Senior Notes Offering;

\$35 million of Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Stock as part of the Units;

approximately \$432 million available for borrowing under the ABL Facility before giving effect to the Incremental ABL Joinder (subject to a borrowing base and after giving effect to approximately \$5 million of Kindred's letters of credit outstanding on September 30, 2014 and approximately \$56 million of Gentiva's letters of credit outstanding on September 30, 2014 that Kindred may assume upon the consummation of the Merger) which, if borrowed, would be senior secured indebtedness; and

subject to our compliance with certain covenants and other conditions, we have the option to incur certain additional secured indebtedness and/or additional unsecured indebtedness, which would rank *pari passu* with the New Notes. The completion of the Merger and the Centerre Acquisition would significantly increase our aggregate indebtedness.

Although the terms of the Credit Facilities, the indenture governing the New Notes and the indentures governing the Senior Notes include restrictions on the incurrence of additional indebtedness, these restrictions are subject to a number of important exceptions, and indebtedness incurred in compliance with these restrictions could be substantial. If we incur significant additional indebtedness, the related risks that we face could increase.

We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to pay rents related to our leased properties and service all of our indebtedness and may be forced to take other actions to satisfy our obligations under our indebtedness, which may not be successful.

A substantial portion of our cash flows from operations is dedicated to the payment of rents related to our leased properties, as well as principal and interest obligations on our outstanding indebtedness. Our ability to generate cash depends on many factors beyond our control, and any failure to meet our debt service obligations could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations. Our ability to make payments on and to refinance our indebtedness and to fund working capital needs and planned capital expenditures will depend on our ability to generate cash in the future. This, to a certain extent, is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, business,

legislative, regulatory and other factors that are beyond our control.

If our business does not generate sufficient cash flow from operations or if future borrowings are not available to us in an amount sufficient to enable us to pay our indebtedness or to fund our other liquidity needs, we may need to refinance all or a portion of our indebtedness on or before the maturity thereof, sell assets, reduce or delay capital investments or seek to raise additional capital, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our operations. In addition, we may not be able to effect any of these actions, if necessary, on commercially reasonable terms or at all. The terms of existing or future debt instruments may limit or prevent us from taking any of these actions. Our ability to restructure or refinance our indebtedness will depend on the condition of the capital markets and our financial condition at such time. Any refinancing of our debt could be at higher interest rates and may require us to comply with more onerous covenants, which could further restrict our business operations. In addition, any failure to make scheduled payments of interest and principal on our outstanding indebtedness would likely result in a reduction of our credit rating, which could harm our ability to incur

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additional indebtedness on commercially reasonable terms or at all. Our inability to generate sufficient cash flow to satisfy our debt service obligations, or to refinance or restructure our obligations on commercially reasonable terms or at all, would have an adverse effect, which could be material, on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

In addition, our Master Lease Agreements and/or our outstanding indebtedness:

require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow to payments on our rent and interest obligations, thereby reducing the availability of cash flow to fund working capital, capital expenditures and other general corporate activities, including cash dividends;

require us to pledge as collateral substantially all of our assets;

require us to maintain a certain defined fixed coverage ratio above a specified level and a certain defined total indebtedness ratio below a specified level, thereby reducing our financial flexibility;

require us to limit the amount of capital expenditures we can incur in any fiscal year; and

restrict our ability to discontinue the operation of any leased property despite its level of profitability and otherwise restrict our operational flexibility.

These provisions:

could have a material adverse effect on our ability to withstand competitive pressures or adverse economic conditions (including adverse regulatory changes);

could adversely affect our ability to make material acquisitions, obtain future financing or take advantage of business opportunities that may arise;

could increase our vulnerability to a downturn in general economic conditions or in our business; and

could adversely affect our ability to continue to make cash dividends.

An increase in interest rates would increase the cost of servicing our debt and could reduce our profitability.

Borrowings under the Credit Facilities bear interest at variable rates. Interest rate changes could affect the amount of our interest payments, and accordingly, our future earnings and cash flows, assuming other factors are held constant. Pursuant to the terms of the Credit Facilities, we have entered into an interest rate swap that fixes a portion of our interest rate interest payments in order to reduce interest rate volatility; however, any interest rate swaps we enter into

do not fully mitigate our interest rate risk. As a result, an increase in interest rates, whether because of an increase in market interest rates or an increase in our own cost of borrowing, would increase the cost of servicing our debt and could materially reduce our profitability. For example, a change of one-eighth percent in the interest rates for the Credit Facilities would increase or decrease annual interest expense by approximately \$1 million.

Our failure to pay rent or otherwise comply with the provisions of any of our Master Lease Agreements could materially adversely affect our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

As of September 30, 2014, we lease 38 of our TC hospitals and 45 of our nursing centers from Ventas under our Master Lease Agreements. Our failure to pay the rent or otherwise comply with the provisions of any of our Master Lease Agreements would result in an Event of Default under such Master Lease Agreement and also could result in a default under the Credit Facilities and, if repayment of the borrowings under the Credit Facilities were accelerated, also under the indenture governing the New Notes and the indentures governing the Senior Notes. Upon an Event of Default, remedies available to Ventas include, without limitation, terminating such Master Lease Agreement, repossessing and reletting the leased properties and requiring us to remain liable for all obligations under such Master Lease Agreement, including the difference between the rent under such Master Lease Agreement and the rent payable as a result of reletting the leased properties, or requiring us to pay the net

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present value of the rent due for the balance of the term of such Master Lease Agreement. The exercise of such remedies would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

For additional information on the Master Lease Agreements, see Part I Item 1 Business Master Lease Agreements in Kindred's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

The New Notes will not be secured by any of our assets and therefore will be effectively junior to any secured indebtedness we may incur to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness.

The New Notes will be general unsecured obligations ranking effectively junior in right of payment to all existing and future secured indebtedness to the extent of the collateral securing such indebtedness. Our obligations under the New Notes and our guarantors' obligations under their guarantees of the New Notes are unsecured, but our obligations under the Credit Facilities will be secured by a security interest in substantially all of the assets of the Company and subsidiary guarantors. As of September 30, 2014, after giving effect to the Transactions, we would have had (1) \$500 million of senior unsecured indebtedness under the Old Notes, (2) \$1.2 billion of senior secured indebtedness consisting solely of borrowings under the Credit Facilities, (3) additional borrowing capacity under the ABL Facility of approximately \$432 million before giving effect to the Incremental ABL Joinder (subject to a borrowing base and after giving effect to approximately \$5 million of Kindred's letters of credit outstanding on September 30, 2014 and approximately \$56 million of Gentiva's letters of credit outstanding on September 30, 2014 that Kindred may assume upon the consummation of the Merger), which, if borrowed, would be senior secured indebtedness, and the option (subject to certain conditions) to incur additional incremental term loans under the Term Loan Facility or increase the asset-based revolving credit facility commitments under the ABL Facility by an aggregate amount not to exceed (x) \$100 million, plus (y) an amount such that the senior secured leverage ratio (as defined in the Credit Facilities) is equal to or less than 3.50:1.00, and (4) \$1.35 billion aggregate principal amount of notes offered in the Senior Notes Offering.

In the event that we are declared bankrupt, become insolvent or are liquidated or reorganized or if we default under the Credit Facilities, the lenders could foreclose on the pledged assets to the exclusion of holders of the New Notes, even if an event of default exists under the indenture governing the New Notes at such time. Furthermore, if the lenders foreclose upon and sell the pledged equity interests in any subsidiary guarantor of the New Notes, then that subsidiary guarantor will be released from its guarantee of the New Notes automatically and immediately upon such sale. In any such event, because the New Notes will not be secured by any of our assets or the equity interests in the subsidiary guarantors, it is possible that there would be no assets remaining from which your claims could be satisfied or, if any assets remained, they might be insufficient to satisfy your claims in full.

The New Notes will be structurally subordinated to all indebtedness of our existing subsidiaries that are not guarantors of the New Notes and our future subsidiaries that do not become guarantors of the New Notes.

The New Notes will not be guaranteed by any of our existing or future non-U.S. subsidiaries or any of our less than 100% owned U.S. subsidiaries. Certain of these non-guarantor subsidiaries guarantee our obligations under the Credit Facilities. As of September 30, 2014, after giving effect to the Transactions, the New Notes would have been structurally subordinated to the Credit Facilities with respect to our non-guarantor subsidiaries that guarantee our obligations under the Credit Facilities but not the New Notes and approximately \$4 million of secured indebtedness of our non-guarantor subsidiaries, consisting of a bank note. Accordingly, claims of holders of the New Notes will be structurally subordinated to the claims of creditors of these non-guarantor subsidiaries, including trade creditors. All obligations of our non-guarantor subsidiaries will have to be satisfied before any of the assets of such subsidiaries would be available for distribution, upon a liquidation or otherwise, to us or a guarantor of the New Notes.

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In addition, the indenture governing the New Notes permits, subject to some limitations, these non-guarantor subsidiaries to incur additional indebtedness and does not include any limitation on the amount of other liabilities, such as trade payables, that may be incurred by these subsidiaries.

Repayment of our indebtedness, including the New Notes, is dependent on cash flow generated by our subsidiaries.

Our subsidiaries own a significant portion of our assets and conduct a significant portion of our operations. Accordingly, repayment of our indebtedness, including the New Notes, is dependent, to a significant extent, on the generation of cash flow by our subsidiaries and their ability to make such cash available to us, by dividend, debt repayment or otherwise. Unless they are guarantors of the New Notes, our subsidiaries do not have any obligation to pay amounts due on the New Notes or to make funds available for that purpose. Certain of our subsidiaries may not be able to, or may not be permitted to, make distributions to enable us to make payments in respect of our indebtedness, including the New Notes. Each subsidiary is a distinct legal entity and, under certain circumstances, legal and contractual restrictions may limit our ability to obtain cash from our subsidiaries. While the indenture governing the New Notes limits the ability of our restricted subsidiaries to incur consensual restrictions on their ability to pay dividends or make other intercompany payments to us, these limitations are subject to certain qualifications and exceptions. In the event that we do not receive distributions from our subsidiaries, we may be unable to make required principal and interest payments on our outstanding indebtedness, including the New Notes.

Under certain circumstances a court could cancel the New Notes or the related guarantees under fraudulent conveyance laws. If that occurs, you may not receive any payments on the New Notes.

Federal and state fraudulent transfer and conveyance statutes may apply to the issuance of the New Notes and the incurrence of the guarantees. Under federal bankruptcy law and comparable provisions of state fraudulent transfer or conveyance laws, which may vary from state to state, the New Notes or guarantees could be voided as a fraudulent transfer or conveyance if we or any of the guarantors, as applicable: (1) issued the New Notes or incurred the guarantees with the intent of hindering, delaying or defrauding creditors or (2) received less than reasonably equivalent value or fair consideration in return for either issuing the New Notes or incurring the guarantees and, in the case of (2) only, one of the following is also true at the time thereof:

we or any of the guarantors, as applicable, were insolvent or rendered insolvent by reason of the issuance of the New Notes or the incurrence of the guarantees;

the issuance of the New Notes or the incurrence of the guarantees left us or any of the guarantors, as applicable, with an unreasonably small amount of capital to carry on the business;

we or any of the guarantors intended to, or believed that we or such guarantor would, incur debts beyond our or such guarantor's ability to pay as they mature; or

we or any of the guarantors was a defendant in an action for money damages, or had a judgment for money damages docketed against us or such guarantor if, in either case, after final judgment, the judgment is unsatisfied.

If a court were to find that the issuance of the New Notes or the incurrence of the guarantees was a fraudulent transfer or conveyance, the court could void the payment obligations under the New Notes or such guarantee or subordinate the New Notes or such guarantee to presently existing and future indebtedness of ours or of the related guarantor, or require the holders of the New Notes to repay any amounts received with respect to such guarantee. In the event of a finding that a fraudulent transfer or conveyance occurred, you may not receive any repayment on the New Notes. Further, the voidance of the New Notes could result in an event of default with respect to our and our subsidiaries other debt that could result in acceleration of such debt.

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As a general matter, value is given for a transfer or an obligation if, in exchange for the transfer or obligation, property is transferred or an antecedent debt is secured or satisfied. A debtor will generally not be considered to have received value in connection with a debt offering if the debtor uses the proceeds of that offering to make a dividend payment or otherwise retire or redeem equity securities issued by the debtor. We cannot be certain as to the standards a court would use to determine whether or not we or the guarantors were solvent at the relevant time or, regardless of the standard that a court uses, that the issuance of the New Notes and the guarantees would not be subordinated to our or any of our guarantors' other debt.

Generally, an entity would be considered insolvent if, at the time it incurred debt:

the sum of its debts, including contingent liabilities, was greater than the fair saleable value of all its assets;

the present fair saleable value of its assets was less than the amount that would be required to pay its probable liability on its existing debts and liabilities, including contingent liabilities, as they become absolute and mature; or

it could not pay its debts as they become due.

If the guarantees were legally challenged, any guarantee could also be subject to the claim that, since the guarantee was incurred for our benefit, and only indirectly for the benefit of the guarantor, the obligations of the applicable guarantor were incurred for less than fair consideration. A court could thus void the obligations under the guarantees, subordinate them to the applicable guarantor's other debt or take other action detrimental to the holders of the New Notes.

The indenture governing the New Notes includes a savings clause intended to limit each guarantor's liability under its guarantee to the maximum amount that it could incur without causing the guarantee to be a fraudulent transfer under applicable law. There can be no assurance that this provision will be upheld as intended. In a recent case, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of Florida found this kind of provision in that case to be ineffective, and held the guarantees to be fraudulent transfers and voided them in their entirety. The United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit affirmed the liability findings of the Bankruptcy Court without ruling directly on the enforceability of savings clauses generally. If this decision were followed by other courts, the risk that the guarantees would be deemed fraudulent conveyances would be significantly increased.

There is no established trading market for the New Notes and you may not be able to sell the New Notes readily or at all or at or above the price that you paid.

The New Notes are new securities for which there is no established trading market. We do not intend to apply for the New Notes to be listed on any securities exchange or to arrange for quotation on any automated dealer quotation system. The initial purchasers of the Old Notes have advised us that they intend to make a market in the notes, but they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making in the notes at any time, in their sole discretion. You may not be able to sell the New Notes at a particular time or at favorable prices. As a result, we cannot assure you as to the liquidity of any trading market for the New Notes. Accordingly, you may be required to bear the financial risk of your investment in the New Notes indefinitely. If a trading market were to develop, future trading prices of the New Notes, may be volatile and will depend on many factors, including:

our operating performance and financial condition;

the interest of securities dealers in making a market for them;

prevailing interest rates; and

the market for similar securities.

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In addition, the market for non-investment grade debt historically has been subject to disruptions that have caused substantial volatility in the prices of securities similar to the New Notes. The market for the New Notes may be subject to similar disruptions that could adversely affect their value.

We may not have the ability to raise the funds necessary to finance the change of control offer required by the indenture governing the New Notes.

Upon the occurrence of a change of control, as defined in the indenture governing the New Notes, we must offer to buy back the New Notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount, together with any accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of the repurchase. Our failure to purchase, or give notice of purchase of, the New Notes would be a default under the indenture governing the New Notes. See Description of the Notes Repurchase at the Option of Holders Change of Control.

Furthermore, certain change of control events would also constitute an event of default under the Credit Facilities. Upon the occurrence of a change of control, the lenders under the Credit Facilities may have the right, among other things, to terminate their lending commitments or to cause all outstanding debt obligations under the Credit Facilities to become due and payable and proceed against the assets securing such debt, any of which actions would prevent us from borrowing under the Credit Facilities to finance a repurchase of the New Notes. We cannot assure you that we will have available funds sufficient to repurchase the New Notes and satisfy other payment obligations that could be triggered upon the change of control. If we do not have sufficient financial resources to effect a change of control offer, we would be required to seek additional financing from outside sources to repurchase the New Notes. We cannot assure you that financing would be available to us on satisfactory terms, or at all.

The definition of change of control in the indenture governing the New Notes includes a phrase relating to the sale, assignment, conveyance, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of our and our subsidiaries assets, taken as a whole. Although there is a limited body of case law interpreting the phrase substantially all, there is no precise established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, in certain circumstances there may be a degree of uncertainty as to whether a particular transaction would involve a disposition of all or substantially all of the property or assets of a person. As a result, it may be unclear as to whether a change of control has occurred and whether a holder of New Notes may require us to make an offer to repurchase the New Notes as described above.

The trading prices for the New Notes will be directly affected by many factors, including our credit rating.

Credit rating agencies continually revise their ratings for companies they follow, including us. Any ratings downgrade could adversely affect the trading prices of the New Notes, or the trading market for the New Notes, to the extent a trading market for the New Notes develops. The condition of the financial and credit markets and prevailing interest rates have fluctuated in the past and are likely to fluctuate in the future and any fluctuation may impact the trading prices of the New Notes.

If the New Notes are rated investment grade at any time by both S&P and Moody's, certain covenants included in the indenture will be suspended, and the holders of the New Notes will lose the protection of these covenants.

The indenture includes certain covenants that will be suspended and cease to have any effect from and after the first date when the New Notes are rated investment grade by both S&P and Moody's. See Description of the Notes Certain Covenants Suspension of Covenants. These covenants restrict, among other things, our ability to pay dividends, incur additional debt and to enter into certain types of transactions. Because we would not be subject to these restrictions at any time that the New Notes are rated investment grade, we would be able to make dividends and distributions and incur substantial additional debt without satisfying the terms of the suspended covenants. If after these covenants are

suspended, S&P or Moody s were to downgrade their ratings of the New

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Notes to a non-investment grade level, the covenants would be reinstated and the holders of the New Notes would again have the protection of these covenants. However, any indebtedness incurred or other transactions entered into during such time as the New Notes were rated investment grade would be permitted.

Risk Factors Relating to the Merger

There can be no assurance that we will successfully complete the Merger on the terms or timetable currently proposed or at all.

No assurance can be given that the Merger will be completed when expected, on the terms proposed or at all. The Merger is subject to customary closing conditions, including approval by the Gentiva stockholders, the effectiveness of the related Form S-4, approval of the listing by the NYSE of the Common Stock to be issued in the Merger, the absence of legal prohibitions on the consummation of the Merger, the accuracy of the representations and warranties in the Merger Agreement and the performance by Kindred and Gentiva of their respective obligations under the Merger Agreement. Our obligation to close under the Merger Agreement is also contingent upon the receipt of certain state healthcare and insurance regulatory clearances or approvals (which condition, if not already fulfilled, will be deemed satisfied on February 28, 2015). There can be no assurance that the conditions to closing will be satisfied or waived or that other events will not intervene to delay or prevent the closing of the Merger. Whether or not we acquire Gentiva, we have incurred, and will continue to incur, substantial nonrecurring transaction costs in connection with the Merger. See We have incurred, and will continue to incur, significant transaction and Merger-related integration costs in connection with the Merger.

The Merger is subject to certain governmental and regulatory approvals, which, if delayed, denied or granted with unacceptable conditions, may delay or prevent the completion of the Merger, result in additional expenditure of time and resources and reduce the anticipated benefits of the Merger.

Kindred and Gentiva require certain governmental authorizations, consents, orders and approvals, including certain state licensure and regulatory approvals, in connection with the Merger. The failure to obtain such approvals may delay closing until after February 28, 2015, and may reduce the anticipated benefits of the Merger to Kindred and Gentiva stockholders.

We may not be able to successfully integrate Gentiva's operations with our own or realize the anticipated benefits of the Merger, which could adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations and business prospects.

We may not be able to successfully integrate Gentiva's operations with our own, and we may not realize all or any of the expected benefits of the Merger as and when planned. The integration of Gentiva's operations with Kindred's will be complex, costly and time consuming. We expect that it will require significant attention from senior management and will impose substantial demands on our operations and personnel, potentially diverting attention from other important pending projects. The difficulties and risks associated with the integration of Gentiva include:

the possibility that we will fail to implement our business plans for the combined company, including as a result of new legislation or regulation in the healthcare industry affecting the timing or costs associated with the operations of the combined company or its integration plan;

possible inconsistencies in the standards, controls, procedures, policies and compensation structures of Kindred and Gentiva;

the possibility that we may have failed to discover liabilities of Gentiva during our due diligence investigation as part of the Merger for which we, as a successor owner, may be responsible;

limitations prior to the completion of the Merger on the ability of management of each of Kindred and Gentiva to work together to develop an integration plan;

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the increased scope and complexity of our operations;

the potential loss of key employees and the costs associated with our efforts to retain key employees;

provisions in Kindred's and Gentiva's contracts with third parties that may limit our flexibility to take certain actions;

risks and limitations on our ability to consolidate corporate and administrative infrastructures of the two companies;

obligations that we will have to counterparties of Gentiva that arise as result of the change in control of Gentiva; and

the possibility of unanticipated delays, costs or inefficiencies associated with the integration of Gentiva's operations with Kindred's.

As a result of these difficulties and risks, we may not accomplish the integration of Gentiva's business smoothly, successfully or within our budgetary expectations and anticipated timetable. Accordingly, we may fail to realize some or all of the anticipated benefits of the Merger, such as increase in our scale, diversification, cash flows and operational efficiency and accretion to our earnings per share.

The Merger may not achieve its intended results, including anticipated synergies.

While we expect the Merger to result in a significant amount of synergies and other financial and operational benefits, we may be unable to realize these synergies or other benefits in the timeframe that we expect or at all. Achieving the anticipated benefits, including synergies, is subject to a number of uncertainties, including whether the businesses acquired can be operated in the manner we intend and whether our costs to finance the Merger and integrate the businesses will be consistent with our expectations. Events outside of our control, including, but not limited to, any conditions imposed by governmental authorities, operating changes or regulatory changes, could also adversely affect our ability to realize the anticipated benefits from the Merger. Thus, the integration may be unpredictable, or subject to delays or changed circumstances, and the acquired businesses may not perform in accordance with our expectations. Further, we will incur implementation costs relative to these anticipated synergies, and our expectations with respect to integration or synergies as a result of the Merger may not materialize. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on our anticipated synergies. See We may not be able to successfully integrate Gentiva's operations with our own or realize the anticipated benefits of the Merger, which could adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations and business prospects.

We have incurred, and will continue to incur, significant transaction and Merger-related integration costs in connection with the Merger.

We have incurred and expect to continue to incur a number of costs associated with completing the Merger and integrating the operations of Kindred and Gentiva. Such costs include costs associated with borrowings under or amendments to the Credit Facilities, any premiums in connection with refinancing Gentiva's debt and the payment of certain fees and expenses incurred in connection with the Merger and related Financing Transactions, including legal

and other professional advisor fees. The substantial majority of these costs will be non-recurring expenses and will primarily consist of transaction costs related to the Merger, facilities and systems consolidation costs and employment-related costs. Additional unanticipated costs may be incurred in the integration of the businesses of Kindred and Gentiva. Although we expect that the elimination of duplicative costs, as well as the realization of other efficiencies related to the integration of the businesses, may offset incremental transaction and merger-related costs over time, this net benefit may not be achieved in the near term, or at all.

The pendency of the Merger could adversely affect our business, financial results and operations.

The announcement and pendency of the Merger could cause disruptions and create uncertainty surrounding our business and affect the relationships with our customers and employees. In addition, we have diverted, and will

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continue to divert, significant management resources to complete the Merger, which could have a negative impact on our ability to manage existing operations or pursue alternative strategic transactions, which could adversely affect our business, operating results and financial condition.

Uncertainty about the effect of the Merger on Gentiva's employees and customers may have an adverse effect on Gentiva and, consequently, the combined company.

The uncertainty created by the pending Merger may impair Gentiva's ability to attract, retain and motivate key personnel until the Merger is completed as current and prospective employees may experience uncertainty about their future roles with the combined company. If key employees of Gentiva depart because of issues relating to the uncertainty and difficulty of integration or a desire not to become our employees, our ability to realize the anticipated benefits of the Merger could be reduced or delayed. In addition, disruptions resulting from the Merger may also affect our relationships with our customers and employees.

We expect to incur substantial additional indebtedness to finance the Merger and the Centerre Acquisition, and may not be able to meet our substantial debt service requirements.

A substantial portion of our cash flows from operations is dedicated to the payment of principal and interest obligations on our outstanding indebtedness. Subject to certain restrictions, we also have the ability to incur substantial additional borrowings. In addition, we intend to incur substantial additional indebtedness in connection with the Merger and the Centerre Acquisition, including as a result of the Senior Notes Offering and anticipated borrowings of \$164 million on Kindred's current ABL Facility. In addition, we entered into the Incremental ABL Joinder, which provides for additional revolving commitments in an aggregate principal amount of \$150 million. If we are unable to generate sufficient funds to meet our obligations under our notes, the Senior Notes or our Credit Facilities (including after giving effect to the Merger), we may be required to refinance, restructure or otherwise amend some or all of such obligations, sell assets or raise additional cash through the sale of our equity. We cannot make any assurances that we would be able to obtain such refinancing on terms as favorable as our current financing or that such restructuring, sales of assets or issuances of equity can be accomplished or, if accomplished, would raise sufficient funds to meet these obligations.

Acquiring Gentiva will substantially increase the scale of our Company, which will change the risks to which we are subject.

Gentiva is a large and complex company that will add significantly to the size and scale of our operations if we are successful in closing the Merger. Gentiva reported in its annual report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2013 that it had approximately \$1.7 billion in net revenues for 2013 and approximately \$1.3 billion in total assets at December 31, 2013. It also reported that it has made numerous acquisitions and operates at approximately 550 locations in 40 states, which could expose us to increased integration, operational, employee management and regulatory risks. Further, after giving effect to the Merger, the percentage of our revenues derived from the Medicare and Medicaid programs will increase. See **Risks Relating to Reimbursement and Regulation of Our Business** Changes in the reimbursement rates or methods or timing of payment from third party payors, including the Medicare and Medicaid programs, or the implementation of other measures to reduce reimbursement for our services and products could result in a substantial reduction in our revenues and operating margins and **Risks Relating to Our Operations** Possible changes in the acuity of residents and patients, as well as payor mix and payment methodologies, may significantly affect our profitability. We may have failed to identify all the risks to which the acquisition of Gentiva may expose us or the effects it may have on the price of our shares or on the long-term value of the Company, including any risks related to Gentiva's compliance with healthcare laws and regulations, contractual obligations and leases and those related to changes in Medicare reimbursement.

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Legal proceedings in connection with the Merger could delay or prevent the completion of the Merger.

Purported class action lawsuits have been filed by third parties challenging the proposed Merger and seeking, among other things, to enjoin the completion of the Merger. One of the conditions to the closing of the Merger is that no governmental entity (including any national, state or local governmental authority) having jurisdiction over a party to a Merger Agreement has enacted, issued, enforced or entered any laws or orders that prohibit the completion of the Merger. Because the Merger Agreement contains this condition, if a plaintiff is successful in obtaining an injunction prohibiting completion of the Merger, then the injunction may delay the Merger or prevent the Merger from being completed. In addition, Gentiva and Kindred could incur significant costs or damages in connection with the lawsuits.

Risk Factors Relating to Acquisitions Generally

Any acquisition, investment or strategic alliance that we have made or may make in the future may use significant resources, may be unsuccessful and could expose us to unforeseen liabilities.

Independently of the proposed acquisitions of Gentiva and Centerre, we intend to continue to selectively pursue strategic acquisitions of, investments in, and strategic alliances with, hospitals, IRFs, nursing centers, rehabilitation operations, and home health and hospice operations, particularly where an acquisition may assist us in scaling our operations more rapidly and efficiently than internal growth. Acquisitions, including the Merger and the Centerre acquisition, may involve significant cash expenditures, debt incurrence, additional operating losses, amortization of certain intangible assets of acquired companies, dilutive issuances of equity securities and expenses that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

Acquisitions, investments and strategic alliances involve numerous risks. These risks include:

limitations on our ability to identify acquisitions that meet our target criteria and complete such acquisitions on reasonable terms and valuations;

limitations on our ability to access equity or capital to fund acquisitions, including difficulty in obtaining financing for acquisitions at a reasonable cost, or that such financing will contain restrictive covenants that limit our operating flexibility or ability to access additional capital when needed;

entry into markets or businesses in which we may have limited or no experience;

difficulties integrating acquired operations, personnel and information systems, and in realizing projected efficiencies and cost savings, particularly in the case of significant acquisitions;

diversion of management's time from existing operations;

potential loss of key employees or customers of acquired companies;

inaccurate assessment of assets and liabilities and exposure to undisclosed or unforeseen liabilities of acquired companies, including liabilities for the failure to comply with healthcare laws;

the possibility that we failed to discover liabilities of an acquired company during our due diligence investigation as part of any acquisition for which we, as a successor owner, may be responsible;

obligations that we may have to joint venture partners and other counterparties of an acquired company that arise as a result of a change in control of an acquired company;

obligations that we have to holders of our debt securities and to our lenders under our existing credit facilities, including our obligations to comply with financial covenants; and

impairment of acquired goodwill and intangible assets.

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Acquisitions and other strategic opportunities may negatively impact our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

We continue to seek acquisitions and other strategic opportunities for each of our businesses, particularly where we believe an acquisition or strategic opportunity may assist us in scaling our operations more rapidly and efficiently than internal growth. Accordingly, we are often engaged in evaluating potential transactions and other strategic alternatives, some of which may be significant in size, and we may engage in preliminary discussions that may result in one or more transactions. Our business, short-term and long-term financial position, results of operations and liquidity may be impacted if we announce or complete any such transaction or if we incur substantial costs or other losses in connection with any such transaction, whether or not it is completed. Moreover, although we intend to enter into transactions that enhance long-term shareholder value, our ability to achieve this objective would be subject to integration risks, the ability to retain and attract key personnel, the ability to realize synergies and other risks, all of which would be more material with transactions of significant size.

In addition to acquisitions, we also may pursue strategic opportunities involving the construction of new hospitals or nursing centers. The construction of new facilities involves numerous risks, including construction delays, cost over-runs, and the satisfaction of zoning and other regulatory requirements. We may be unable to operate newly constructed facilities profitably and such facilities may involve significant cash expenditures, debt incurrence, additional operating losses, and expenses that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

We operate 12 of our facilities and one home health agency through joint ventures with unrelated parties. We are the majority owner of each of those joint ventures. We may enter into additional joint ventures with unrelated parties in the future to acquire, own or operate hospitals, IRFs, nursing centers and/or home health and hospice services. Although, we typically control the day-to-day activities of these joint ventures, the joint venture agreements with our partners often include provisions reserving certain major actions for super-majority approval. Failure to obtain, or delays or substantial time and costs involved in obtaining, our partners' approval rights, if any, could adversely affect our ability to operate such joint ventures, and could have a material adverse effect on such ventures or our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity more generally. Such actions may include entering into a new business activity or ceasing an existing activity, taking on substantial debt, admitting new partners, and terminating the venture. In addition, the joint venture agreements may restrict our ability to derive cash from the joint venture and affect our ability to transfer our interest in the joint venture. We may be required to provide additional capital to a joint venture if our partner defaults on its capital obligations.

We may not be successful in completing our acquisition of Centerre, and even if we are successful, we may fail to realize the anticipated benefits of the acquisition.

On November 11, 2014, we entered into the Centerre Merger Agreement to acquire Centerre. Completion of the Centerre Acquisition is subject to various conditions, including, among others, approval of the Centerre Merger Agreement by the requisite vote of Centerre's stockholders, regulatory approvals, consents from joint venture partners and certain other customary conditions to closing, including the expiration of the waiting period under the HSR Act. In addition, the Centerre Merger Agreement also contains certain termination rights for the Company and Centerre (including if the Centerre Merger is not consummated by March 1, 2015). There can be no assurance that the conditions to closing will be satisfied or waived or that other events will not intervene to delay or prevent the closing of the Centerre Acquisition. We may not be able to successfully integrate Centerre's operations with our own, and we may be unable to realize any of the expected synergies or other benefits in the timeframe that we expect or at all. Whether or not we acquire Centerre, we have incurred, and will continue to incur, substantial nonrecurring transaction costs in connection with the acquisition.

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Risk Factors Relating to Reimbursement and Regulation of Our Business

Healthcare reform has initiated significant changes to the United States healthcare system.

Various healthcare reform provisions became law upon enactment of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Healthcare Education and Reconciliation Act (collectively, the ACA). The reforms contained in the ACA have impacted each of our businesses in some manner. Several of the reforms are very significant and could ultimately change the nature of our services, the methods of payment for our services and the underlying regulatory environment. The reforms include the possible modifications to the conditions of qualification for payment, bundling payments to cover both acute and post-acute care and the imposition of enrollment limitations on new providers. The ACA also provides for: (1) reductions to the annual market basket payment updates for LTAC hospitals, IRFs, home health agencies and hospice providers, which could result in lower reimbursement than in the preceding year; (2) additional annual productivity adjustment reductions to the annual market basket payment update as determined by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for LTAC hospitals, IRFs, and nursing centers (beginning in federal fiscal year 2012), home health agencies (beginning in federal fiscal year 2015) and hospice providers (beginning in federal fiscal year 2013); (3) new transparency, reporting and certification requirements for nursing centers, including disclosures regarding organizational structure, officers, directors, trustees, managing employees and financial, clinical and other related data; (4) a quality reporting system for hospitals (including LTAC hospitals and IRFs) beginning in federal fiscal year 2014; and (5) reductions in Medicare payments to hospitals (including LTAC hospitals and IRFs) beginning in federal fiscal year 2014 for failure to meet certain quality reporting standards or to comply with standards in new value based purchasing demonstration project programs.

In addition, a primary goal of healthcare reform is to reduce costs, which includes reductions in the reimbursement paid to us and other healthcare providers. Moreover, healthcare reform could negatively impact insurance companies, other third party payors, our customers, as well as other healthcare providers, which may in turn negatively impact our business. As such, healthcare reforms and changes resulting from the ACA, as well as other similar healthcare reforms, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

Further, the ACA mandates changes to home health and hospice benefits under Medicare. For home health, the ACA mandates creation of a value-based purchasing program, development of quality measures, a decrease in home health reimbursement beginning with federal fiscal year 2014 that will be phased-in over a four-year period, and a reduction in the outlier cap. In addition, the ACA requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to test different models for delivery of care, some of which would involve home health services. It also requires the Secretary to establish a national pilot program for integrated care for patients with certain conditions, bundling payment for acute hospital care, physician services, outpatient hospital services (including emergency department services), and post-acute care services, which would include home health. The ACA further directs the Secretary to rebase payments for home health, which will result in a decrease in home health reimbursement beginning in 2014 that will be phased-in over a four-year period. The Secretary is also required to conduct a study to evaluate cost and quality of care among efficient home health agencies regarding access to care and treating Medicare beneficiaries with varying severity levels of illness and provide a report to Congress. Beginning October 1, 2012, the annual market basket rate increase for hospice providers was reduced by a formula that caused payment rates to be lower than in the prior year.

Changes in the reimbursement rates or methods or timing of payment from third party payors, including the Medicare and Medicaid programs, or the implementation of other measures to reduce reimbursement for our services and products could result in a substantial reduction in our revenues and operating margins.

We depend on reimbursement from third party payors, including the Medicare and Medicaid programs, for a substantial portion of our revenues. For the year ended December 31, 2013, we derived approximately 51% of our

total revenues (before eliminations) from the Medicare and Medicaid programs and the balance from other

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third party payors, such as commercial insurance companies, health maintenance organizations, preferred provider organizations and contracted providers. After the Merger, the percentage of our revenues derived from the Medicare and Medicaid programs will increase. The Medicare and Medicaid programs are highly regulated and subject to frequent and substantial changes. See Part I Item 1 Business Governmental Regulation of Kindred's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Congress continues to discuss deficit reduction measures, leading to a high degree of uncertainty regarding potential reforms to governmental healthcare programs, including Medicare and Medicaid. These discussions, along with other continuing efforts to reform governmental healthcare programs, both as part of the ACA and otherwise, could result in major changes in the healthcare delivery and reimbursement system on a national and state level. Potential reforms include changes directly impacting the government and private reimbursement systems for each of our businesses. Reforms or other changes to the payment systems, including modifications to the conditions of qualification for payment, the imposition of enrollment limitations on new providers, or bundling payments to cover acute and post-acute care or services provided to dually eligible Medicare and Medicaid patients may be proposed or could be adopted by Congress or CMS in the future.

The Budget Control Act of 2011 (as amended by the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (the Taxpayer Relief Act)) instituted an automatic 2% reduction on each claim submitted to Medicare beginning April 1, 2013.

The Taxpayer Relief Act also reduces Medicare payments by an additional 25% for subsequent procedures when multiple therapy services are provided on the same day. We believe that the new rules related to multiple therapy services have reduced our Medicare revenues by \$25 million to \$30 million on an annual basis.

On August 1, 2012, CMS issued final rules (the 2012 CMS Rules) which, among other things, reduced Medicare reimbursement to our TC hospitals in 2013 and beyond by imposing a budget neutrality adjustment and modifying the short-stay outlier rules. Effective December 29, 2012, the 2012 CMS Rules: (1) began a three-year phase-in of a 3.75% budget neutrality adjustment, which will reduce LTAC hospital rates by approximately 1.3% in each of 2013, 2014 and 2015; and (2) restored a payment reduction that will limit payments for very short-stay outliers that will reduce our TC hospital payments by approximately 0.5%.

On July 29, 2011, CMS issued final rules (the 2011 CMS Rules) which, among other things, significantly reduced Medicare payments to nursing centers and changed the reimbursement for the provision of group rehabilitation therapy services to Medicare beneficiaries beginning October 1, 2011. CMS projected the impact of these changes would result in an 11.1% decrease in payments to nursing centers. In addition to these rate changes, the 2011 CMS Rules introduced additional changes to resource utilization grouping (RUG) calculations along with adding additional patient assessments. Under the 2011 CMS Rules, group therapy is defined as therapy sessions with four patients who are performing similar therapy activities. In addition, for purposes of assigning patients to RUGs IV payment categories, the minutes of group therapy are divided by four with 25% of the minutes being allocated to each patient. The 2011 CMS Rules also clarify the circumstances for reporting breaks in care of three or more days of therapy and also implement a new change of therapy assessment that is designed to allocate the patient to the RUG level that represents the treatment provided in the last seven days. Both changes produced alterations in the RUG scores billed for the patient and generated additional assessments. The 2011 CMS Rules reduced our revenues on an annual basis by approximately \$100 million in our nursing center business and negatively impacted our rehabilitation therapy business by approximately \$50 million.

On November 22, 2013, CMS issued final regulations regarding Medicare payment rates for home health agencies effective January 1, 2014. These final regulations implement a net 1.05% reduction consisting of a 2.3% market basket inflation increase, less (1) a 0.62% ICD-9 grouper refinement, and (2) a 2.73% rebasing adjustment mandated

under the ACA. Rebasing the rates includes adjustments to the 60-day episode and per visit payment rates, the non-routine medical supply conversion factor and low utilization payment factors. The rebasing is expected to reduce payment rates by 2.8% in each of the next four years, beginning January 1, 2014.

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On October 30, 2014, CMS issued final regulations regarding Medicare payment rates for home health agencies effective January 1, 2015. These final regulations implement a net 0.3% reduction consisting of a 2.6% market basket inflation increase, less (1) a 0.5% productivity adjustment, and (2) a 2.4% rebasing adjustment mandated under the ACA.

On August 4, 2014, CMS issued final regulations regarding Medicare payment rates for hospice providers effective October 1, 2014. These final regulations implement a net market basket increase of 2.1% consisting of: (1) a 2.9% market basket inflation increase, less (2) offsets to the standard payment conversion factor mandated by the ACA of: (a) a 0.5% adjustment to account for the effect of a productivity adjustment, and (b) 0.3% as required by statute. In addition, CMS continued the phase-out of the wage index budget neutrality adjustment. CMS has projected the impact of these changes will result in a 1.4% increase in payments to hospice providers.

In February 2012, Congress passed the Job Creation Act which provides for reductions in reimbursement of Medicare bad debts at our hospitals and nursing centers. For the hospitals, the bad debt reimbursement rate for all bad debts was lowered to 65% effective for cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 2012. For the nursing centers, the Job Creation Act provides for a phase-in of the reduction in the rate of reimbursement for bad debts of patients that are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid. The rate of reimbursement for bad debts for these dually eligible patients was reduced from 88% to 76% in October 2013 and will be reduced to 65% for cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 2014. The rate of reimbursement for bad debts for patients not dually eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid was reduced from 70% to 65%, effective with cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 2012. Approximately 90% of our Medicare bad debt reimbursements incurred at our nursing centers are associated with patients that are dually eligible.

Weak economic conditions also could adversely affect the budgets of individual states and of the federal government. This could result in attempts to reduce or eliminate payments for federal and state healthcare programs, including Medicare and Medicaid, and could result in an increase in taxes and assessments on our activities. In addition, private third party payors are continuing their efforts to control healthcare costs through direct contracts with healthcare providers, increased utilization review and greater enrollment in managed care programs and preferred provider organizations. These private payors increasingly are demanding discounted fee structures and are requesting that healthcare providers assume more financial risk.

Though we cannot predict what reform proposals will be adopted or finally implemented, healthcare reform and regulations may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity through, among other things, decreasing funds available for our services or increasing operating costs. We could be affected adversely by the continuing efforts of governmental and private third party payors to contain healthcare costs. We cannot assure you that reimbursement payments under governmental and private third party payor programs, including Medicare supplemental insurance policies, will remain at levels comparable to present levels or will be sufficient to cover the costs allocable to patients eligible for reimbursement pursuant to these programs. Future changes in third party payor reimbursement rates or methods, including the Medicare and Medicaid programs, or the implementation of other measures to reduce reimbursement for our services and products could result in a material reduction in our revenues. Our operating margins continue to be under pressure because of reduced Medicare reimbursement, deterioration in pricing flexibility, changes in payor mix, changes in length of stay and growth in operating expenses in excess of increases in payments by third party payors. In addition, as a result of competitive pressures, our ability to maintain operating margins through price increases to private patients or commercial payors remains limited. These results could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

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The implementation of new patient criteria for LTAC hospitals under the various legislative changes impacting LTAC hospitals that Congress adopted as part of the Pathway for SGR Reform Act of 2013 (the LTAC Legislation) will reduce the population of patients eligible for Long-Term Acute Care Prospective Payment System (LTAC PPS) and change the basis upon which we are paid which could adversely affect our revenues and profitability.

The LTAC Legislation creates new Medicare criteria and payment rules for LTAC hospitals. Under the new criteria, LTAC hospitals treating patients with at least a three-day prior stay in an acute care hospital intensive care unit and patients on prolonged mechanical ventilation admitted from an acute care hospital will continue to receive payment under LTAC PPS. Other patients will continue to have access to LTAC care, whether they are admitted to LTAC hospitals from acute care hospitals or directly from other settings or the community. LTAC hospitals will be paid at a site-neutral rate for these patients, based on the lesser of per diem Medicare rates paid for patients with the same diagnoses under the prospective payment system for general short-term acute care hospitals (IPPS) or LTAC costs.

The effective date of the new patient criteria is October 1, 2015, followed by a two-year phase-in period tied to each LTAC hospital's cost reporting period. During the phase-in period, payment for patients receiving the site neutral rate will be based 50% on the current LTAC PPS and 50% on the new site neutral rate. Nearly all of our TC hospitals (which are certified as LTAC hospitals under the Medicare program) have a cost reporting period starting on September 1 of each year. Accordingly, the phase-in will not begin for most of our hospitals until September 1, 2016 and full implementation of the new criteria will not begin until September 1, 2018.

We continue to analyze Medicare and internal data to estimate the number of our cases that will continue to be paid under the LTAC PPS rate. At this time, we estimate that approximately 40% of our current LTAC patients will be paid at the site neutral rate under the new criteria once it is fully phased-in. The site-neutral payment rates will be based on the lesser of per diem Medicare rates paid for patients with the same diagnoses under IPPS or LTAC costs. There can be no assurance that these site neutral payments will not be materially less than the payments currently provided under LTAC PPS.

The additional patient criteria imposed by LTAC Legislation will reduce the population of patients eligible for LTAC PPS and change the basis upon which we are paid for other patients. In addition, the LTAC Legislation will be subject to additional governmental regulations and the interpretation and enforcement of those regulations. These changes could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

We conduct business in a heavily regulated industry, and changes in regulations, the enforcement of these regulations or violations of regulations may result in increased costs or sanctions that reduce our revenues and profitability.

In the ordinary course of our business, we are subject regularly to inquiries and audits by federal and state agencies that oversee applicable healthcare program participation and payment regulations. We also are subject to government investigations. We believe that the regulatory environment surrounding most segments of the healthcare industry will remain intense.

The extensive federal, state and local regulations affecting the healthcare industry include, but are not limited to, regulations relating to licensure, conduct of operations, ownership of facilities, addition of facilities, allowable costs, services and prices for services, facility staffing requirements, qualifications and licensure of staff, environmental and occupational health and safety, and the confidentiality and security of health-related information. In particular, various laws, including the anti-kickback, anti-fraud and abuse amendments codified under the Social Security Act, prohibit certain business practices and relationships that might affect the provision and cost of healthcare services reimbursable

under Medicare and Medicaid, including the payment or receipt of remuneration for the referral of patients whose care will be paid by Medicare or other governmental programs.

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Sanctions for violating the anti-kickback, anti-fraud and abuse amendments under the Social Security Act include criminal penalties, civil sanctions, fines and possible exclusion from government programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. See Part I Item 1 Business Governmental Regulation of Kindred's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Federal and state governments continue to pursue intensive enforcement policies resulting in a significant number of inspections, audits, citations of regulatory deficiencies and other regulatory sanctions including demands for refund of overpayments, terminations from the Medicare and Medicaid programs, bans on Medicare and Medicaid payments for new admissions and civil monetary penalties or criminal penalties. Audits under the CMS Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) and other audits evaluating the medical necessity of services provided are expected to further intensify the regulatory environment surrounding the healthcare industry as third party firms engaged by CMS commence extensive reviews of claims data and medical and other records to identify improper payments to healthcare providers under the Medicare program. If we fail to comply with the extensive laws, regulations and prohibitions applicable to our businesses, we could become ineligible to receive government program reimbursement, suffer civil or criminal penalties or be required to make significant changes to our operations. In addition, we could be forced to expend considerable resources responding to investigations, audits or other enforcement actions related to these laws, regulations or prohibitions. Furthermore, should we lose the licenses for one or more of our facilities as a result of regulatory action or otherwise, we could be in default under our Master Lease Agreements with Ventas, the Credit Facilities, the indenture governing the New Notes and the indentures governing the Senior Notes. Failure of our staff to satisfy applicable licensure requirements, or of our hospitals, IRFs, nursing centers, our rehabilitation operations, and home health and hospice operations, to satisfy applicable licensure and certification requirements could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

We are unable to predict the future course of federal, state and local regulation or legislation, including Medicare and Medicaid statutes and regulations, or the intensity of federal and state enforcement actions. Changes in the regulatory framework, including those associated with healthcare reform, and sanctions from various enforcement actions could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

We face and are currently subject to reviews, audits and investigations under our contracts with federal and state government agencies and other payors, and these reviews, audits and investigations could have adverse findings that may negatively impact our business.

As a result of our participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs, we face and are currently subject to various governmental reviews, audits and investigations to verify our compliance with these programs and applicable laws and regulations. An increasing level of governmental and private resources is being devoted to the investigation of allegations of fraud and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and federal and state regulatory authorities are taking an increasingly strict view of the requirements imposed on healthcare providers by the Social Security Act, the Medicare and Medicaid programs and other applicable laws. We are routinely subject to audits under various government programs, including the RAC program, in which third party firms engaged by CMS conduct extensive reviews of claims data and medical and other records to identify potential improper payments to healthcare providers under the Medicare program. In addition, we, like other hospital and nursing center operators and rehabilitation therapy service providers, are subject to ongoing investigations by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (the "OIG"), the United States Department of Justice (the "DOJ") and state attorneys general into the billing of rehabilitation and other services provided to Medicare and Medicaid patients, including whether rehabilitation therapy services were properly documented and billed, whether services provided were medically necessary and general compliance with conditions of participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Private pay sources such as third party insurance and managed care entities also often reserve the right to conduct audits. Our costs to respond to and defend reviews, audits and investigations are significant and are likely to increase in the current enforcement

environment. These audits and investigations may require us to refund or retroactively adjust amounts that have been paid under the relevant

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government program or from other payors. Moreover, an adverse review, audit or investigation also could result in other adverse consequences, particularly if the underlying conduct is found to be pervasive or systemic. These consequences include:

state or federal agencies imposing fines, penalties and other sanctions on us;

loss of our right to participate in the Medicare or Medicaid programs or one or more third party payor networks;

indemnity claims asserted by customers and others for which we provide services; and

damage to our reputation in various markets, which could adversely affect our ability to attract patients, residents and employees.

If they were to occur, these consequences could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity. See Note 20 to Kindred's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013, included in Kindred's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 14, 2014. See Note 16 to Gentiva's audited consolidated financial statements included in Gentiva's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2013 and Note 14 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in Gentiva's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2014, in each case, incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

We are subject to extensive and complex federal and state government laws and regulations which govern and restrict our relationships with physicians and other referral sources.

Section 1128B of the Social Security Act (the "Anti-Kickback Statute"), Section 1877 of the Social Security Act (the "Stark Law"), the Federal False Claims Act (the "FCA") and similar state laws materially restrict our relationships with physicians and other referral sources. We have a variety of financial relationships with physicians and others who either refer or influence the referral of patients to our healthcare facilities, and these laws govern those relationships. The OIG has enacted safe harbor regulations that outline practices deemed protected from prosecution under the Anti-Kickback Statute. While we endeavor to comply with the safe harbors, most of our current arrangements, including with physicians and other referral sources, may not qualify for safe harbor protection. Failure to qualify for a safe harbor does not mean the arrangement necessarily violates the Anti-Kickback Statute, but may subject the arrangement to greater scrutiny. However, we cannot offer assurance that practices outside of a safe harbor will not be found to violate the Anti-Kickback Statute. Allegations of violations of the Anti-Kickback Statute may be brought under federal civil monetary penalty laws, which require a lower burden of proof than other fraud and abuse laws, including the Anti-Kickback Statute.

Our financial relationships with referring physicians and their immediate family members must comply with the Stark Law by meeting an exception. We attempt to structure our relationships to meet an exception to the Stark Law, but the regulations implementing the exceptions are detailed and complex, and we cannot provide assurance that every relationship complies fully with the Stark Law. Unlike the Anti-Kickback Statute, failure to meet an exception under the Stark Law results in a violation of the Stark Law, even if such violation is technical in nature.

Additionally, if we violate the Anti-Kickback Statute or the Stark Law, or if we improperly bill for our services, we may be found to violate the FCA, either under a suit brought by the government or by a private person under a *qui tam*, or whistleblower, lawsuit.

If we fail to comply with the Anti-Kickback Statute, the Stark Law, the FCA or other applicable laws and regulations, we could be subject to liabilities, including civil penalties (including the loss of our licenses to operate one or more facilities or healthcare activities), exclusion of one or more facilities or healthcare activities from participation in the Medicare, Medicaid and other federal and state healthcare programs and, for violations of certain laws, regulations and criminal penalties.

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We do not always have the benefit of significant regulatory or judicial interpretation of these laws and regulations. In the future, different interpretations or enforcement of these laws and regulations could subject our current or past practices to allegations of impropriety or illegality or could require us to make changes in our facilities, equipment, personnel, services, capital expenditure programs and operating expenses. A determination that we have violated these laws, or the public announcement that we are being investigated for possible violations of these laws, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity, and our business reputation could suffer significantly. In addition, other legislation or regulations at the federal or state level may be adopted that adversely affect our business.

Future cost containment initiatives undertaken by third party payors may limit our revenues and profitability.

Initiatives undertaken by major insurers and managed care companies to contain healthcare costs or to respond to healthcare reform could affect the profitability of our services. These payors attempt to control healthcare costs by contracting with providers of healthcare to obtain services on a discounted basis. We believe that this trend will continue and intensify and may further limit reimbursements for healthcare services. If insurers or managed care companies from whom we receive substantial payments reduce the amounts they pay for services or limit access to our services, our profit margins may decline, or we may lose patients if we choose not to renew our contracts with these insurers at lower rates. These results could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

Further consolidation of managed care organizations and other third party payors may adversely affect our profits.

Managed care organizations and other third party payors have continued to consolidate in order to enhance their ability to influence the delivery and cost structure of healthcare services. Consequently, the healthcare needs of a large percentage of the United States population are increasingly served by a smaller number of managed care organizations. These organizations generally enter into service agreements with a limited number of providers for needed services. In addition, third party payors, including managed care payors, increasingly are demanding discounted fee structures. To the extent that these organizations terminate us as a preferred provider, engage our competitors as a preferred or exclusive provider or demand discounted fee structures, our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity could be materially and adversely affected.

If our TC hospitals fail to maintain their certification as LTAC hospitals, our revenues and profitability could decline.

If our TC hospitals, satellite TC facilities or TC hospitals that are co-located within a host hospital (HIHs) fail to meet or maintain the standards for certification as LTAC hospitals, such as average minimum length of patient stay, they will receive payments under IPPS rather than payment under the system applicable to LTAC hospitals. Payments at rates applicable to general acute care hospitals would result in our TC hospitals receiving less Medicare reimbursement than they currently receive for patient services and our profitability would decline. To maintain certification under LTAC PPS, the average length of stay of Medicare patients must be greater than 25 days. Medicare Advantage patients are included with Medicare fee-for-service patients in order to determine compliance with the 25 day average length of stay requirements. Under the LTAC Legislation, the average Medicare 25-day length of stay rule will remain in effect for patients paid for under the new Medicare LTAC payment system. However, for cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 2015, the 25-day requirement will not apply to patients receiving the site neutral rate or to Medicare Advantage patients treated in LTAC hospitals.

Beginning in 2020, the LTAC Legislation requires that at least 50% of our patients must be paid under the new LTAC payment system to maintain Medicare certification as a LTAC hospital. Under the new criteria, LTAC hospitals

treating patients with at least a three-day prior stay in an acute care hospital intensive care unit and patients on prolonged mechanical ventilation admitted from an acute care hospital will continue to receive payment under LTAC PPS.

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The failure of one or more of our TC hospitals to maintain its Medicare certification as a LTAC hospital could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

Expiration of the moratorium imposed on certain federal regulations otherwise applicable to LTAC hospitals, including HIHs and satellite hospitals, could have an adverse effect on our future revenues and profitability.

CMS has regulations governing payments to LTAC hospitals that are co-located with another hospital, such as a HIH. The rules generally limit Medicare payments to the HIH if the Medicare admissions to the HIH from its co-located hospital exceed 25% of the total Medicare discharges for the HIH's cost reporting period. There are limited exceptions for admissions from rural hospitals, urban single hospitals and hospitals that generate more than 25% of the Medicare discharges in a metropolitan statistical area (MSA Dominant hospitals). Patients transferred after they have reached the short-term acute care outlier payment status are not counted toward the admission threshold. Patients admitted prior to meeting the admission threshold, as well as Medicare patients admitted from a non co-located hospital, are eligible for the full payment under LTAC PPS. If the HIH's admissions from the co-located hospital exceed the limit in a cost reporting period, Medicare will pay the lesser of: (1) the amount payable under LTAC PPS or (2) the amount payable under IPPS, which likely will reduce our revenues for such admissions.

In 2007, CMS issued regulations which expanded the 25 Percent Rule to all LTAC hospitals, regardless of whether they are co-located with another hospital. Under these regulations, all LTAC hospitals were to be paid LTAC PPS rates for admissions from a single referral source up to 25% of aggregate Medicare admissions. Patients reaching high cost outlier status in the short-term hospital were not to be counted when computing the 25% limit. Admissions beyond the 25% threshold are to be paid at a lower amount based upon IPPS rates.

Since 2007, various legislative enactments have created moratoriums on the expansion of the 25 Percent Rule to freestanding LTAC hospitals. The LTAC Legislation extends the moratorium on the expansion of the 25 Percent Rule to LTAC hospitals certified prior to October 1, 2004 for four years. LTAC hospitals certified after October 1, 2004 continue to be ineligible for relief from the 25 Percent Rule. Freestanding LTAC hospitals will not be subject to the 25 Percent Rule payment adjustment until cost reporting periods beginning on or after July 1, 2016. In addition, for cost reporting periods beginning before October 1, 2016: (1) LTAC hospitals may admit up to 50% of their patients from a co-located hospital and still be paid according to LTAC PPS; and (2) LTAC hospitals that are co-located with an urban single hospital or a MSA Dominant hospital may admit up to 75% of their patients from such urban single or MSA Dominant hospital and still be paid according to LTAC PPS. The LTAC Legislation further provides that co-located LTAC hospitals certified on or before September 30, 1995 are exempt from the provisions of the 25 Percent Rule. The LTAC Legislation also mandates that the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (the HHS) report to Congress by July 1, 2015 on whether the 25 Percent Rule should continue to be applied.

Since these rules are complex and are based upon the volume of Medicare admissions and the source of those admissions, we cannot predict with any certainty the impact on our future revenues or operations from these regulations. If the 25 Percent Rule is ultimately fully implemented, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

The moratorium on the Medicare certification of new LTAC hospitals and beds in existing LTAC hospitals limits our ability to increase LTAC hospital bed capacity, expand into new areas or increase services in existing areas we serve.

The LTAC Legislation, as amended by the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014, imposes a moratorium from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017 on the establishment and classification of new LTAC hospitals, LTAC

satellite facilities and LTAC beds in existing LTAC hospitals or satellite hospitals, subject to certain exceptions. This moratorium limits our ability to increase LTAC bed capacity, expand into new areas or increase bed capacity in existing markets that we serve.

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Healthcare reform and other regulations could adversely affect the liquidity of our customers, which could have an adverse effect on their ability to make timely payments to us for our products and services.

The ACA and other laws and regulations that limit or restrict Medicare and Medicaid payments to our customers could adversely impact the liquidity of our customers, resulting in their inability to pay us, or to timely pay us, for our products and services. In addition, if our customers fail to comply with applicable laws and regulations they could be subject to possible sanctions, including loss of licensure or eligibility to participate in reimbursement programs, as well as civil and criminal penalties. These developments could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

If we do not manage admissions in the IRFs that we operate or manage in compliance with a 60% threshold, reimbursement for services rendered by us in these facilities will be based upon less favorable rates.

IRFs are subject to a requirement that 60% or more of the patients admitted to the facilities have one or more of 13 specific conditions in order to qualify for the inpatient rehabilitation facility prospective payment system. If that compliance threshold is not maintained, the IRF will be reimbursed at the lower prospective payment system applicable to acute care hospitals. That may lead to reduced revenue in the IRFs that we operate or manage and also may lead customers of IRFs to attempt to renegotiate the terms of their contracts or terminate their contracts, in either case adversely affecting the projected revenues and profitability we expect.

If we are found to have violated laws protecting the confidentiality of patient health information, we could be subject to civil or criminal penalties, which could increase our liabilities and harm our reputation or our business.

There are a number of federal and state laws protecting the confidentiality of certain patient health information, including patient records, and restricting the use and disclosure of that protected information. In particular, the privacy and security rules under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) protect medical records and other personal health information by limiting their use and disclosure, giving individuals the right to access, amend and seek accounting of their own health information and limiting most uses and disclosures of health information to the minimum amount reasonably necessary to accomplish the intended purpose. If we are found to be in violation of the privacy or security rules under HIPAA or other federal or state laws protecting the confidentiality of patient health information, we could be subject to sanctions and civil or criminal penalties, which could increase our liabilities, harm our reputation and have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

Risks Factors Relating to Our Capital and Liquidity

The condition of the financial markets, including volatility and weakness in the equity, capital and credit markets, could limit the availability and terms of debt and equity financing sources to fund the capital and liquidity requirements of our businesses.

Financial markets experienced significant disruptions over the past several years. These disruptions impacted liquidity in the debt markets, making financing terms for borrowers less attractive and, in certain cases, significantly reduced the availability of certain types of debt financing. Despite the instability over the past several years within the financial markets nationally and globally, we have not experienced any individual lender limitations to extend credit under the Credit Facilities. However, the obligations of each of the lending institutions in the ABL Facility are separate and the availability of future borrowings under the ABL Facility could be impacted by volatility and disruptions in the financial credit markets or other events. We cannot assure you that a prolonged downturn in the credit markets or other circumstances will not impact our ability to access or to refinance the Credit Facilities. Our

inability to access or refinance the Credit Facilities would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

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The Credit Facilities are collateralized by substantially all of our assets including certain owned real property and is guaranteed by substantially all of our subsidiaries. The terms of the Credit Facilities, the indenture governing the New Notes and the indentures governing the Senior Notes include financial covenants and certain other provisions that limit acquisitions and annual capital expenditures that are substantially similar to the terms of the Credit Facilities. We were in compliance with the terms of the Credit Facilities and the indenture governing the Old Notes at September 30, 2014. However, a downturn in operating earnings or events beyond our control could impair our ability to comply with the covenants contained within the Credit Facilities, the indenture governing the New Notes and the indentures governing the Senior Notes. If we anticipated a potential financial or other covenant violation, however, we would seek relief from our lenders for the Credit Facilities and the holders of the New Notes, which likely would include costs to us, and such relief may not be on terms as favorable as those in the Credit Facilities or the New Notes, as applicable. Under these circumstances, there is also the potential that our lenders under the Credit Facilities or the holders of the New Notes would not grant relief to us. A default due to the violation of a financial or other covenant contained within the Credit Facilities, the indenture governing the New Notes, the indentures governing the Senior Notes or the occurrence of an Event of Default under the Master Lease Agreements could require us to immediately repay all amounts then outstanding under the Credit Facilities, the New Notes and the Senior Notes.

If we have future capital needs that cannot be funded from operating cash flows, any additional issuances of debt may increase our leverage.

Though we anticipate that the cash amounts generated internally, together with amounts available under the Credit Facilities, will be sufficient to implement our business plan for the foreseeable future, we may need additional capital if a substantial acquisition or other growth opportunity becomes available or if unexpected events occur or opportunities arise. We cannot assure you that additional capital will be available, or available on terms favorable to us. If capital is not available, we may not be able to fund internal or external business expansion or respond to competitive pressures or other market conditions. If available, we may obtain additional capital through the public or private sale of debt securities. However, our ability to access the public debt capital markets, on terms favorable to us or at all, may be limited by further disruptions in these markets or other events. If we incur additional debt, our leverage may increase and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

Disruptions in the financial markets could negatively impact our investment portfolio.

We hold a substantial investment portfolio in our limited purpose insurance subsidiary. Investments held in our limited purpose insurance subsidiary consist principally of cash and cash equivalents, debt securities, equities and certificates of deposit that are held to satisfy the payment of claims and expenses related to professional liability and workers compensation risks. Our investment policy governing insurance subsidiary investments precludes the investment portfolio managers from selling any security at a loss without prior authorization from us. The investment managers also limit the exposure to any one issue, issuer or type of investment. We intend, and have the ability, to hold insurance subsidiary investments for a long duration without the necessity of selling securities to fund the underwriting needs of our insurance subsidiary. This ability to hold securities allows sufficient time for recovery of temporary declines in the market value of equity securities and the par value of debt securities as of their stated maturity date. We cannot assure you, however, that we will recover declines in the market value of our investments. There is a continuing risk that declines in fair value may occur and additional material realized losses from sales or other-than-temporary impairments may be recorded in the future. Furthermore, we cannot assure you that declines in the market value of our investments will not require us to further capitalize our limited purpose insurance subsidiary or otherwise have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

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Risk Factors Relating to Our Operations

Significant legal actions could subject us to increased operating costs and substantial uninsured liabilities, which could materially and adversely affect our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

We incur significant costs to investigate and defend against a variety of claims, including professional liability, wage and hour, and minimum staffing claims, among others, particularly in our hospital and nursing center operations. In addition to large compensatory claims, plaintiffs' attorneys are increasingly seeking, and have sometimes been successful in obtaining, significant fines, punitive damages and attorneys' fees. Furthermore, there are continuing efforts to limit the ability of healthcare providers to utilize arbitration as a process to resolve these claims. As a result of these factors, our defense costs and potential liability exposure are significant, unpredictable, and likely to increase.

We also are subject to lawsuits under the FCA and comparable state laws for submitting fraudulent bills for services to the Medicare and Medicaid programs and other federal and state healthcare programs. These lawsuits, which may be initiated by whistleblowers, can involve significant monetary damages, fines, attorneys' fees and the award of bounties to private *qui tam* plaintiffs who successfully bring these suits and to the government programs. We also are subject to payment obligations under contracts we enter into with our rehabilitation division customers to indemnify them against claim denials associated with our services.

While we are able to insure against certain of these costs and liabilities, such as our professional liability risks described below, we are not able to do so in many other cases. In the absence of insurance proceeds, we must fund these costs and liabilities from operating cash flows, which can reduce our operating margins and our funds available for investment in our business, and otherwise limit our operating and financial flexibility.

We insure a substantial portion of our professional liability risks primarily through our limited purpose insurance subsidiary. Provisions for loss for our professional liability risks are based upon management's best available information including actuarially determined estimates. The allowance for professional liability risks includes an estimate of the expected cost to settle reported claims and an amount, based upon past experiences, for losses incurred but not reported. These liabilities are necessarily based upon estimates and, while management believes that the provision for loss is adequate, the ultimate liability may be in excess of, or less than, the amounts recorded. Changes in the number of professional liability claims and the cost to settle these claims significantly impact the allowance for professional liability risks. A relatively small variance between our estimated and actual number of claims or average cost per claim could have a material impact, either favorable or unfavorable, on the adequacy of the allowance for professional liability risks. Differences between the ultimate claims costs and our historical provisions for loss and actuarial assumptions and estimates could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity. See Note 20 to Kindred's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013, included in Kindred's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 14, 2014. See Note 16 to Gentiva's audited consolidated financial statements included in Gentiva's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2013 and Note 14 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in Gentiva's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, in each case, incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

If we are unable to obtain insurance, or if insurance becomes more costly for us to obtain, our business may be adversely affected.

We insure a substantial portion of our professional liability risks primarily through our limited purpose insurance subsidiary. Our limited purpose insurance subsidiary covers losses up to specified limits per occurrence. On a per claim basis, coverage for losses in excess of those insured by the limited purpose insurance subsidiary are maintained

through unaffiliated commercial reinsurance carriers. Our limited purpose insurance subsidiary insures all claims in all states up to a per occurrence limit without the benefit of any aggregate stop loss limit. We

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maintain professional and general liability insurance in amounts and coverage that management believes are sufficient for our operations. However, our insurance may not cover all claims against us or the full extent of our liability nor continue to be available at a reasonable cost. Moreover, the cost of reinsurance coverage maintained with unaffiliated commercial insurance carriers is costly and may continue to increase. There can be no assurances that in the future reinsurance will be available at a reasonable price or that we will be able to maintain adequate levels of professional and general liability insurance coverage. If we are unable to maintain adequate insurance coverage or are required to pay punitive damages that are uninsured, we may be exposed to substantial liabilities, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

Federal and state employment-related laws and regulations could increase our cost of doing business and subject us to significant back pay awards, fines and lawsuits.

Our operations are subject to a variety of federal and state employment-related laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the U.S. Fair Labor Standards Act which governs such matters as minimum wages, overtime pay, compensable time, recordkeeping and other working conditions, the Americans with Disabilities Act and similar state laws that provide civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities in the context of employment, public accommodations and other areas, the National Labor Relations Act, regulations of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, regulations of the Office of Civil Rights, regulations of state attorneys general, federal and state wage and hour laws, family leave mandates and a variety of similar laws enacted by the federal and state governments that govern these and other employment-related matters. Because labor represents such a large portion of our operating costs, compliance with these evolving federal and state laws and regulations could substantially increase our cost of doing business while failure to do so could subject us to significant back pay awards, fines and lawsuits. We are currently subject to employee-related claims, class action and other lawsuits and proceedings in connection with our operations, including, but not limited to, those related to alleged wrongful discharge, illegal discrimination and violations of equal employment and federal and state wage and hour laws. These claims, lawsuits and proceedings are in various stages of adjudication or investigation and involve a wide variety of claims and potential outcomes. In addition, federal proposals to introduce a system of mandated health insurance and flexible work time and other similar initiatives could, if implemented, adversely affect our operations. Our failure to comply with federal and state employment-related laws and regulations could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

Certain events or circumstances could result in the impairment of our assets or other charges, including, without limitation, impairments of goodwill and identifiable intangible assets that result in material charges to earnings.

Kindred reviews the carrying value of certain long-lived assets, finite lived intangible assets and indefinite-lived intangible assets with respect to any events or circumstances that indicate an impairment or an adjustment to the amortization period may be necessary, such as when the market value of our Common Stock is below book equity value. On an ongoing basis, we also evaluate, based upon the fair value of our reporting units, whether the carrying value of our goodwill is impaired. If circumstances suggest that the recorded amounts of any of these assets cannot be recovered based upon estimated future cash flows, the carrying values of such assets are reduced to fair value. If the carrying value of any of these assets is impaired, we may incur a material charge to earnings. The acquisition of Gentiva, if completed, will result in a significant increase in goodwill and identifiable intangible assets.

During 2013, we determined that pretax impairment charges aggregating \$77 million were necessary, which included \$76 million of goodwill and \$1 million of property and equipment. The goodwill impairment charge was directly related to a Medicare rebasing adjustment for payments to home health providers which will reduce the payment rate by 2.8% in each of the next four years beginning on January 1, 2014. The property and equipment impairment charge was related to the 2011 CMS Rules, which significantly reduced Medicare payments to our skilled nursing

rehabilitation services operating segment and our nursing centers.

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During 2012, we determined that pretax impairment charges aggregating \$109 million were necessary, which included \$108 million of goodwill and \$1 million of property and equipment. These charges were directly related to the Taxpayer Relief Act and the 2011 CMS Rules, which significantly reduced Medicare payments to our skilled nursing rehabilitation services operating segment and our nursing centers.

In the fourth quarter 2011, we incurred a pretax impairment charge of \$54 million, of which \$38 million was reclassified to discontinued operations, on the value of the certificates of need intangible assets of certain hospitals and co-located nursing centers in Massachusetts. See note 1 of the notes to the consolidated financial statements incorporated herein by reference.

During 2011, we also determined that pretax impairment charges aggregating \$57 million were necessary, which included \$52 million of goodwill and \$5 million of property and equipment. These charges were directly related to the 2011 CMS Rules.

Future adverse changes in the operating environment and related key assumptions used to determine the fair value of our reporting units and indefinite-lived intangible assets or a decline in the value of our Common Stock may result in future impairment charges for a portion or all of these assets. Moreover, the value of our goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets could be negatively impacted by potential healthcare reforms. Any such impairment charges could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position and results of operations.

We could experience significant increases to our operating costs due to shortages of qualified nurses, therapists, home health and hospice employees and other healthcare professionals or union activity.

The market for qualified nurses, therapists, clinical associates, home health and hospice employees and other healthcare professionals is highly competitive. We, like other healthcare providers, have experienced difficulties in attracting and retaining qualified personnel such as nurses, certified nurse s assistants, nurse s aides, therapists, home health and hospice employees and other providers of healthcare services. Our hospitals, nursing centers and home health and hospice operations are particularly dependent on nurses and other employees for patient care. Our rehabilitation division continues to seek qualified therapists to fill open positions. As the demand for home health services and hospice services continues to exceed the supply of available and qualified staff, home health operators and their competitors have been forced to offer more attractive wage and benefit packages to these professionals. The difficulty we have experienced in hiring and retaining qualified personnel has increased our average wage rates and may force us to increase our use of contract personnel.

In addition, healthcare providers are experiencing a high level of union activity across the country. At September 30, 2014, approximately 2,300 of the employees at 26 of our facilities were unionized. Though we cannot predict the degree to which we will be affected by future union activity, there are continuing legislative proposals that could result in increased union activity. We could experience an increase in labor and other costs from such union activity. Furthermore, we could experience a disruption of our operations if our employees were to engage in a strike or other work stoppage.

We expect to continue to experience increases in our labor costs primarily due to higher wages and greater benefits required to attract and retain qualified healthcare personnel. Salaries, wages and benefits were approximately 61% of our consolidated revenues for the year ended December 31, 2013. Our ability to manage labor costs will significantly affect our future operating results.

We could experience significant legal actions, fines and increases in our operating costs if we fail to comply with state minimum staffing requirements.

Various states in which we operate hospitals and nursing centers have established minimum staffing requirements or may establish minimum staffing requirements in the future. Staffing requirements in some states

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are not contingent upon any additional appropriation of state funds in any budget act or other statute. Our ability to satisfy such staffing requirements will, among other things, depend upon our ability to attract and retain qualified healthcare professionals.

While we seek to comply with all applicable staffing requirements, the regulations in this area are complex and we may experience compliance issues from time to time. Failure to comply with such minimum staffing requirements may result in one or more facilities failing to meet the conditions of participation under relevant federal and state healthcare programs and the imposition of fines or other sanctions. Private litigation involving these matters also has become more common, and certain of Kindred's facilities are the subject of litigation involving claims brought in 2010 that Kindred did not meet relevant staffing requirements from time to time since 2006.

Moreover, a portion of the staffing costs we incur is funded by states through Medicaid program appropriations or otherwise. If states do not appropriate sufficient additional funds to pay for any additional operating costs resulting from such minimum staffing requirements, our profitability may be materially adversely affected.

If we lose our key management personnel, we may not be able to successfully manage our business and achieve our objectives.

Our future success depends in large part upon the leadership and performance of our executive management team and key employees and our ability to retain and motivate these individuals. Competition for these individuals is intense and there can be no assurance that we will retain our key officers and employees or that we can attract or retain other highly qualified individuals in the future. If we lose the services of one or more of our key officers or employees, or if one or more of them decides to join a competitor or otherwise compete directly or indirectly with us, we may not be able to successfully manage our business, achieve our business objectives or replace them with similarly qualified personnel. If we lose key personnel, we may be unable to replace them with personnel of comparable experience, reputation in the industry or skills. The loss of any of our key officers or employees could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

If we fail to attract patients and compete effectively with other healthcare providers or if our referral sources fail to view us as an attractive post-acute healthcare provider, our revenues and profitability may decline.

The post-acute healthcare services industry is highly competitive. Our hospitals face competition from healthcare providers that provide services comparable to those offered by our hospitals. Many competing hospitals are larger and more established than our hospitals. We may experience increased competition from existing hospitals, as well as hospitals converted, in whole or in part, to specialized care facilities. Our nursing centers compete on a local and regional basis with other nursing centers and post-acute healthcare providers. Some of our competitors operate newer facilities and may offer services not provided by us or are operated by entities having greater financial and other resources than us. Our rehabilitation and care management divisions compete with national, regional and local rehabilitation, home health, hospice and community care service providers within our markets. Several of these competitors may have greater financial and other resources than us, may be more established in the markets in which we compete and may be willing to provide services at lower prices. We cannot assure you that increased competition in the future will not adversely affect our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

In addition, we rely significantly on appropriate referrals from physicians, hospitals and other healthcare providers in the communities in which we deliver our services to attract appropriate patients and residents. Our referral sources are not obligated to refer business to us and may refer business to other healthcare providers. We believe many of our referral sources refer patients and residents to us as a result of the quality of our patient services and our efforts to establish and build a relationship with them. If any of our facilities fail to achieve or maintain a reputation for

providing high quality care, or are perceived to provide a lower quality of care than comparable facilities within the same geographic area, or customers of our rehabilitation therapy, home health and hospice services perceive that they could receive higher quality services from other providers, our ability to

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attract and retain patients and customers could be adversely affected. We believe that the perception of our quality of care by potential residents or patients or their families seeking our services is influenced by a variety of factors, including physician and other healthcare professional referrals, community information and referral services, newspapers and other print and electronic media, results of patient surveys, recommendations from family and friends, and published quality care statistics compiled by CMS or other industry data. If we lose, or fail to maintain, existing relationships with our referral resources, fail to develop new relationships or if we are perceived by our referral sources for any reason as not providing high quality patient care, our patient volumes and the quality of our patient mix could suffer and our revenue and profitability could decline.

Failure to maintain the security and functionality of our information systems, or to defend a cyber security attack, could adversely affect our business, financial position, results of operation and liquidity.

We are dependent on the proper function and availability of our information systems and related software programs. Though we have taken steps to protect the safety and security of our information systems and the patient health information and other data maintained within those systems, there can be no assurance that our safety and security measures and disaster recovery plan will prevent damage, interruption or breach of our information systems and operations.

As a result of our acquisition activities, we have acquired additional information systems. We have been taking steps to reduce the number of systems we operate, have upgraded and expanded our information systems capabilities, and are gradually migrating to fewer information systems. Our information systems require an ongoing commitment of significant resources to maintain, protect and enhance existing systems and develop new systems to keep pace with continuing changes in technology, evolving industry and regulatory standards, and changing customer preferences.

In addition, certain software supporting our business and information systems are licensed to us by independent software developers. Our inability, or the inability of these developers, to continue to maintain and upgrade our information systems and software could disrupt or reduce the efficiency of our operations. In addition, costs and potential problems and interruptions associated with the implementation of new or upgraded systems and technology or with maintenance or adequate support of existing systems also could disrupt or reduce the efficiency of our operations.

A cyber security attack that bypasses our information systems security could cause a security breach which may lead to a material disruption to our information systems infrastructure or business and may involve a loss of business or patient health information. If a cyber security attack were to be successful, it could result in the theft, destructions, loss, misappropriation or release of confidential information or intellectual property, and could cause operational or business delays that may impact materially our ability to provide various healthcare services. Any successful cyber security attack also could result in negative publicity which could damage our reputation or brand with our patients, referral sources, payors or other third parties and could subject us to penalties under HIPAA and other federal and state privacy laws.

Failure to maintain the security and functionality of our information systems and related software, or to defend a cyber security attack, could expose us to a number of adverse consequences, the vast majority of which are not insurable, including but not limited to disruptions in our operations, regulatory and other civil and criminal penalties, breach of patient health information, loss of customers, disputes with payors and increased operating expense, which either individually or in the aggregate could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

We have limited operational and strategic flexibility since we lease a substantial number of our facilities.

We lease a substantial number of our facilities from Ventas and other third parties. Under our leases, we generally are required to operate continuously our leased properties as a provider of healthcare services. In

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addition, these leases generally limit or restrict our ability to assign the lease to another party. Our failure to comply with these lease provisions would result in an event of default under the leases and subject us to material damages, including potential defaults under the Credit Facilities, the indenture governing the New Notes and the indentures governing the Senior Notes. Given these restrictions, we may be forced to continue operating unprofitable facilities to avoid defaults under our leases. See Part I Item 1 Business Master Lease Agreements in Kindred's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Possible changes in the acuity of residents and patients, as well as payor mix and payment methodologies, may significantly affect our profitability.

The sources and amount of our revenues are determined by a number of factors, including the occupancy rates of our facilities, the length of stay, the payor mix of residents and patients, rates of reimbursement among payors and patient acuity. Changes in patient acuity as well as payor mix among private pay, Medicare and Medicaid may significantly affect our profitability. In particular, any significant decrease in our population of high acuity patients or any significant increase in our Medicaid population could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity, especially if state Medicaid programs continue to limit, or more aggressively seek limits on, reimbursement rates.

We may be unable to reduce costs to offset completely any decreases in our revenues.

Reduced levels of occupancy in our facilities and reductions in reimbursements from Medicare, Medicaid or other payors would adversely impact our revenues and liquidity. We may be unable to put in place corresponding reductions in costs in response to declines in census or other revenue shortfalls. The inability to timely adjust our operations to address a decrease in our revenues could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

We are exposed to the credit risk of our payors and customers which in the future may cause us to make larger allowances for doubtful accounts or incur bad debt write-offs.

Due to weak economic conditions, recent Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement reductions and other factors, commercial payors and customers may default on their payments to us and individual patients may default on co-payments and deductibles for which they are responsible under the terms of either commercial insurance programs or Medicare. Although we review the credit risk of our commercial payors and customers regularly, such risks may arise from events or circumstances that are difficult to anticipate or control, such as a general economic downturn or changes in Medicare or Medicaid reimbursement. If our payors or customers default on their payments to us in the future, we may have to record higher provisions for allowances for doubtful accounts or incur bad debt write-offs, both of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

An economic downturn, state budget pressures, sustained unemployment and continued deficit spending by the federal government may result in a reduction in reimbursement and covered services.

An economic downturn could have a detrimental effect on our revenues. Historically, state budget pressures have translated into reductions in state spending. Given that Medicaid outlays are a significant component of state budgets, we can expect continuing cost containment pressures on Medicaid outlays for our services in the states in which we or the combined company operate. In addition, an economic downturn, coupled with sustained unemployment, may also impact the number of enrollees in managed care programs as well as the profitability of managed care companies, which could result in reduced reimbursement rates.

The existing federal deficit, as well as deficit spending by federal and state governments as the result of adverse developments in the economy or other reasons, can lead to continuing pressure to reduce governmental expenditures for other purposes, including government-funded programs in which we participate, such as Medicare and Medicaid. Such actions in turn may adversely affect the combined company's results of operations.

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Delays in collection of our accounts receivable could adversely affect our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

Prompt billing and collection are important factors in our liquidity. Billing and collection of our accounts receivable are subject to the complex regulations that govern Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement and rules imposed by non-government payors. Our inability, or the inability of our customers, to bill and collect on a timely basis pursuant to these regulations and rules could subject us to payment delays that could negatively impact our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity. In addition, we may experience delays in reimbursement as a result of the failure to receive prompt approvals related to change of ownership applications for acquired or other facilities or from delays caused by our or other third parties' information system failures. Significant delays in billing and/or collections may adversely affect the borrowing base under the ABL Facility, potentially limiting the availability of funds under the ABL Facility.

Terrorist attacks, pandemics or natural disasters could negatively impact our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

Terrorist attacks, pandemics, or acts of nature, such as floods, fires, hurricanes, tornadoes or earthquakes, may cause damage or disruption to us, our employees and our facilities, which could have an adverse impact on our residents and patients. In order to provide care for our residents and patients, we are dependent upon consistent and reliable delivery of food, pharmaceuticals, power and other products to our facilities and the availability of employees to provide services at our facilities. If the delivery of goods or the ability of employees to reach our facilities were interrupted due to a natural disaster, pandemic or a terrorist attack, it could have a significant negative impact on our business. Furthermore, the impact, or impending threat, of a natural disaster has in the past and may in the future require that we evacuate one or more facilities, which would be costly and would involve substantial risks to our operations and potentially to our residents and patients. The impact of natural disasters, pandemics and terrorist attacks is inherently uncertain. Such events could severely damage or destroy one or more of our facilities, harm our business, reputation and financial performance or otherwise have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

Climate change poses both regulatory and physical risks that could adversely impact our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

Climate change could have a potential economic impact on us and climate change mitigation programs and regulations could increase our costs. Energy costs could be higher as a result of climate change regulations. Our costs could increase if utility companies pass on their costs, such as those associated with carbon taxes, emission cap and trade programs, or renewable portfolio standards. In addition, climate change may increase the frequency or intensity of natural disasters. As such, we cannot assure you that climate change will not adversely impact our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

The inability or failure of management in the future to conclude that we maintain effective internal control over financial reporting, or the inability of our independent registered public accounting firm to issue a report of our internal control over financial reporting, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

We report annually on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting, and our independent registered public accounting firm also must audit the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting on an annual basis. If we fail to have, or management or our independent registered public accounting firm is unable to conclude that we maintain, effective internal controls and procedures for financial reporting, we could be unable to provide

timely and reliable financial information which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity. Different interpretations of accounting principles or changes in generally accepted accounting principles could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

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Generally accepted accounting principles are complex, continually evolving and changing and may be subject to varied interpretation by third parties, including the SEC. Such varied interpretations could result from differing views related to specific facts and circumstances. Differences in interpretation of generally accepted accounting principles or changes in generally accepted accounting principles could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

Additional Risk Factors Relating to Gentiva to Which We Would be Subject Following the Merger if the Merger is Completed

If Gentiva is unable to maintain relationships with existing patient referral sources or to establish new referral sources, its growth and profitability could be adversely affected.

Gentiva's success is heavily dependent on referrals from physicians, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult care centers, hospitals, managed care companies, insurance companies and other patient referral sources in the communities where Gentiva's home health, hospice and community care locations serve, as well as on Gentiva's ability to maintain good relations with these referral sources. Gentiva's referral sources are not contractually obligated to refer patients to Gentiva and may refer their patients to other home health, hospice or community care providers, or not at all. Gentiva's growth and profitability depend significantly on its ability to provide good patient and family care, to establish and maintain close working relationships with these patient referral sources and to increase awareness and acceptance of home health, hospice and community care by Gentiva's referral sources and their patients. We cannot assure you that Gentiva will be able to maintain its existing referral source relationships or that it will be able to develop and maintain new relationships in existing or new markets. Gentiva's loss of existing relationships or its failure to develop new relationships could adversely affect its ability to expand Gentiva's operations and operate profitably. Moreover, we cannot assure you that awareness or acceptance of home health, hospice and community care will increase. See Note 7 to Gentiva's audited consolidated financial statements included in Gentiva's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2013 and Note 6 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in Gentiva's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2014, in each case, incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

If Gentiva fails to comply with the terms of Gentiva's Corporate Integrity Agreement, it could subject Gentiva to substantial monetary penalties or suspension or termination from participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

Gentiva entered into a five-year Corporate Integrity Agreement (CIA) with the Office of Inspector General of the OIG, which became effective on February 15, 2012, concurrent with the execution of a settlement agreement with the United States, acting through the DOJ and on behalf of the OIG. The CIA imposes certain compliance, auditing (including by an independent review organization), self-reporting and training requirements with which Gentiva must comply. If Gentiva fails to comply with the terms of its CIA, it could subject Gentiva to substantial monetary penalties and/or suspension or termination from participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The imposition of monetary penalties would adversely affect Gentiva's profitability. For example, in connection with the auditing imposed by the CIA, Gentiva has recognized negative adjustments to its revenues due to repayments. A suspension or termination of participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs would have a material adverse effect on Gentiva's profitability and financial condition. See Note 7 to Gentiva's audited consolidated financial statements included in Gentiva's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2013 and Note 6 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in Gentiva's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2014, in each case, incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

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Gentiva is subject to certain ongoing investigations, and Gentiva is subject to periodic audits and requests for information by the Medicare and Medicaid programs or government agencies, which have various rights and remedies against Gentiva if they assert that Gentiva has overcharged the programs or failed to comply with program requirements.

The operations of Gentiva's home health business and hospice business are subject to federal and state laws prohibiting fraud by healthcare providers, including laws containing criminal provisions, which prohibit filing false claims or making false statements in order to receive payment or obtain certification under Medicare and Medicaid programs, or failing to refund overpayments or improper payments. Violation of these criminal provisions is a felony punishable by imprisonment and/or fines. Gentiva may also be subject to fines and treble damage claims if it violates the civil provisions that prohibit knowingly filing a false claim or knowingly using false statements to obtain payment. State and federal governments are devoting increased attention and resources to anti-fraud initiatives against healthcare providers. The ACA, HIPAA and the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 expanded the penalties for healthcare fraud, including broader provisions for the exclusion of providers from Medicare and Medicaid programs and other federal and state healthcare programs.

Additionally, the ACA requires providers, such as home health agencies and hospice providers, to notify the Secretary of the HHS, fiscal intermediary, contractor or other appropriate person of any overpayment and the reason for the overpayment, and to return the overpayment, within the later of 60 days from the time the overpayment is identified or the due date of the provider's cost report. Failure to comply may result in prosecution under the FCA and exclusion from participation in Medicare, Medicaid and other federal and state health care programs.

CMS has contracted with various Third Party Administrators (TPAs) including RACs, Zone Program Integrity Contractors and others to perform post-payment reviews of healthcare providers. For example, in January 2010, CMS announced that it has approved two issues for the RACs to begin reviewing with respect to hospice providers. These initial hospice reviews focus on durable medical equipment services and other Medicare Part A and B services provided to hospice patients that are related to a patient's terminal prognosis and the financial obligation of the hospice provider to determine whether the hospice provider arranged for and paid for the services as required. Various states have also begun to engage TPAs to conduct post-payment reviews of Medicaid claims data. We expect in the future that CMS and the states will likely expand the scope of the reviews conducted by the TPAs. We cannot predict whether reviews by TPAs of Gentiva's home health and hospice programs' reimbursement claims will result in material recoupments, which could have a material adverse effect on Gentiva's financial condition and results of operations.

Although Gentiva believes it has established policies and procedures that are sufficient to help ensure that Gentiva will operate in substantial compliance with anti-fraud and abuse requirements, in the future, different interpretations or enforcement of laws, rules and regulations governing the healthcare industry could subject Gentiva's current business practices to allegations of impropriety or illegality or could require Gentiva to make changes in its facilities, equipment, personnel, services and capital expenditure programs, increase its operating expenses and distract its management. If Gentiva fails to comply with these extensive laws and government regulations, Gentiva could become ineligible to receive government program payments, suffer civil and criminal penalties or be required to make significant changes to Gentiva's operations. In addition, Gentiva could be forced to expend considerable resources responding to an investigation or other enforcement action under these laws or regulations. See Note 16 to Gentiva's audited consolidated financial statements included in Gentiva's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2013 and Note 14 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in Gentiva's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2014, in each case, incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

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Many states have certificate of need laws or other regulatory provisions that may adversely impact Gentiva's ability to expand into new markets and thereby limit its ability to grow and to increase its net patient service revenue.

Many states have enacted certificate of need laws that require prior state approval to open new healthcare facilities or expand services at existing facilities. Those laws require some form of state agency review or approval before a hospice may add new services or undertake significant capital expenditures. New York has additional barriers to entry. New York places restrictions on the corporate ownership of hospices. Accordingly, Gentiva's ability to operate in New York is restricted. These laws could adversely affect Gentiva's ability to expand into new markets and to expand its services and facilities in existing markets.

Further consolidation of managed care organizations and other third-party payers may adversely affect Gentiva's profits.

Managed care organizations and other third-party payers have continued to consolidate in order to enhance their ability to influence the delivery of healthcare services. Consequently, the healthcare needs of a large percentage of the United States population are increasingly served by a smaller number of managed care organizations. These organizations generally enter into service agreements with a limited number of providers for needed services. To the extent that such organizations terminate Gentiva as a preferred provider and/or engage Gentiva's competitors as preferred or exclusive providers, Gentiva's business could be adversely affected. In addition, private payers, including managed care payers, could seek to negotiate additional discounted fee structures or the assumption by healthcare providers of all or a portion of the financial risk through prepaid capitation arrangements, thereby potentially reducing Gentiva's profitability.

Possible changes in the case-mix of patients, as well as payer mix and payment methodologies, may have a material adverse effect on Gentiva's profitability.

The sources and amounts of Gentiva's patient revenues will be determined by a number of factors, including the mix of patients and the rates of reimbursement among payers. Changes in the case-mix of the patients as well as payer mix among private pay, Medicare and Medicaid may significantly affect Gentiva's profitability. In particular, any significant increase in Gentiva's Medicaid population or decrease in Medicaid payments could have a material adverse effect on Gentiva's financial position, results of operations and cash flow, especially if states operating these programs continue to limit, or more aggressively seek limits on, reimbursement rates or service levels.

The accuracy and timeliness of Gentiva's financial reports as well as its business could be negatively impacted if it is unable to maintain effective internal control over financial reporting.

Maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting is necessary for Gentiva to produce reliable financial statements and to comply with its reporting obligations under the federal securities laws. Gentiva has concluded that effective controls were not maintained over the accounting for goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets. Specifically, Gentiva's controls were not effectively designed and did not operate at the appropriate level of precision to ensure completeness and accuracy of assumptions used in its valuation models for goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets and to reassess the lives of indefinite-lived intangible assets related to closed or consolidated branches. These control deficiencies resulted in the restatement of its consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013 and the quarter ended March 31, 2014 and the revision of its consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011 and the quarters ended March 31, 2013, June 30, 2013 and September 30, 2013. Additionally, these control deficiencies could result in misstatements of the aforementioned accounts and disclosures that would result in a material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements that

would not be prevented or detected. Accordingly, Gentiva's management concluded that these control deficiencies constitute a material weakness. If Gentiva is unable to effectively remediate this material weakness or is otherwise unable to maintain adequate internal

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controls over financial reporting in the future, it may not be able to prepare reliable financial statements and comply with its reporting obligations on a timely basis, which could materially adversely affect its business and subject Gentiva to legal and regulatory action.

There are risks of business disruption associated with new business systems and technology initiatives.

Gentiva began the implementation of a new electronic medical records system in Gentiva's home health business, in 2013, with a relatively small vendor. Implementation disruptions or the failure of new systems and technology initiatives to operate in accordance with expectations could have a material adverse impact on Gentiva's financial results and operations.

Effective October 1, 2015, Gentiva, as well as all other entities covered by the HIPAA, are required to report medical diagnoses under new ICD-10-CM coding diagnosis codes, which replace the current ICD-9CM coding diagnosis codes. ICD-10 codes, which are alphanumeric and contain 3 to 7 characters, are entirely different from ICD-9 codes, which are mostly numeric and contain 3 to 5 digits. If claims are not reported properly under ICD-10-CM, there can be a delay in the processing and payment of such claims, or a denial of such claims, which can have a material adverse effect on Gentiva's financial position and results of operations.

Gentiva has risks related to obligations under its insurance programs.

Gentiva is obligated for certain costs under various insurance programs, including employee health and welfare, workers' compensation, automobile and professional liability. Gentiva may be subject to workers' compensation claims and lawsuits alleging negligence or other similar legal claims. Gentiva maintains various insurance programs to cover these risks with insurance policies subject to substantial deductibles and retention amounts. Gentiva also may be subject to exposure relating to employment law and other related matters for which it does not maintain insurance coverage. We believe that Gentiva's present insurance coverage and reserves are sufficient to cover currently estimated exposures; however, should Gentiva experience a significant increase in losses resulting from workers' compensation, professional liability or employee health and welfare claims, the resulting increase in provisions and/or required reserves could negatively affect Gentiva's profitability.

An adverse ruling against Gentiva in certain litigation could have an adverse effect on its financial condition and results of operations.

Gentiva is involved in litigation incidental to the conduct of its business, including a collective and class action lawsuit alleging violations by Gentiva of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act and a putative shareholder class action lawsuit alleging violations by Gentiva of the Securities Act, and the Exchange Act, and may be subject to additional lawsuits in the future. The damages claimed against Gentiva in such litigation are substantial.

We cannot assure you that Gentiva will prevail in the pending cases. In addition to the possibility of an adverse outcome, such litigation is costly to manage, investigate and defend, and the related defense costs, diversion of management's time and related publicity may adversely affect the conduct of Gentiva's business and the results of Gentiva's operations.

Approximately 20 percent of Gentiva's hospice revenues are derived from patients who reside in skilled nursing facilities. Changes in the laws and regulations regarding payments for hospice services and room and board provided to hospice patients residing in skilled nursing facilities could reduce Gentiva's net patient service revenue and profitability.

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For hospice patients receiving nursing home care under certain state Medicaid programs who elect hospice care under Medicare or Medicaid, the state must pay, in addition to the applicable Medicare or Medicaid hospice per diem rate, an amount equal to at least 95% of the Medicaid per diem skilled nursing facility rate for room and board furnished to the patient by the skilled nursing facility. The reduction or elimination of Medicare payments

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for hospice patients residing in skilled nursing facilities would significantly reduce Gentiva's net patient service revenue and profitability. In addition, changes in the way skilled nursing facilities are reimbursed for room and board services provided to hospice patients residing in skilled nursing facilities could affect Gentiva's ability to obtain referrals from skilled nursing facilities. A reduction in referrals from skilled nursing facilities would adversely affect Gentiva's net patient service revenue and profitability.

Competition among home healthcare, hospice and community care services companies is intense.

The home health, hospice and community care services industry is highly competitive. Gentiva competes with a variety of other companies in providing home health, hospice and community care services, some of which may have greater financial and other resources and may be more established in their respective communities. Competing companies may offer newer or different services from those offered by Gentiva and may thereby attract customers who are presently receiving Gentiva's home health or hospice services.

In many areas in which Gentiva's home health, hospice and community care programs are located, Gentiva competes with a large number of organizations, including community-based home health and hospice providers; national and regional companies; and hospital-based home health agencies, hospice and palliative care programs.

Some of Gentiva's current and potential competitors have or may obtain significantly greater marketing and financial resources than Gentiva has or may obtain. Relatively few barriers to entry exist in Gentiva's local markets. Accordingly, other companies, including hospitals and other healthcare organizations that are not currently providing competing services, may expand their services to include home health services, hospice care, community care services or similar services. Gentiva may encounter increased competition in the future that could negatively impact patient referrals to Gentiva, limit its ability to maintain or increase its market position and adversely affect Gentiva's profitability.

Risk Factors Relating to the Exchange Offer

The consummation of the exchange offer may not occur.

We are not obligated to complete the exchange offer under certain circumstances. See "Description of the Exchange Offer" Conditions to the Exchange Offer. Even if the exchange offer is completed, it may not be completed on the schedule described in this prospectus. Accordingly, holders participating in the exchange offer may have to wait longer than expected to receive their New Notes, during which time those holders of the Old Notes will not be able to effect transfers of their Old Notes tendered in the exchange offer.

You may be required to deliver prospectuses and comply with other requirements in connection with any resale of the New Notes.

If you tender your Old Notes for the purpose of participating in a distribution of the New Notes, you will be required to comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any resale of the New Notes. In addition, if you are a broker-dealer that receives the New Notes for your own account in exchange for the Old Notes that you acquired as a result of market-making activities or any other trading activities, you will be required to acknowledge that you will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such New Notes.

Failure to tender the Old Notes in the exchange offer may affect their marketability and will substantially limit, and may effectively eliminate, opportunities to sell your Old Notes in the future.

If the Old Notes are tendered and accepted in the exchange offer, the trading market, if any, for the untendered and tendered but unaccepted Old Notes will be adversely affected. Your failure to participate in the exchange offer will substantially limit, and may effectively eliminate, opportunities to sell your Old Notes in the future.

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We issued the Old Notes in a private placement exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Accordingly, you may not offer, sell or otherwise transfer your Old Notes except in compliance with the registration requirements of the Securities Act and any other applicable securities laws, or pursuant to an exemption from the securities laws, or in a transaction not subject to the securities laws. If you do not exchange your Old Notes for the New Notes in the exchange offer, your Old Notes will continue to be subject to these transfer restrictions after the completion of the exchange offer. In addition, after the completion of the exchange offer, you will no longer be able to obligate us to register the Old Notes under the Securities Act.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, including some of the statements made under the heading of Summary and elsewhere in this prospectus, includes and incorporates by reference forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Our representatives may also make forward-looking statements orally from time to time. Statements in this prospectus that are not historical facts, including statements regarding the proposed Merger (including financing of the proposed transaction and the benefits, results, effects and timing of a transaction), all statements regarding our (and the combined company's) expected future financial position, results of operations, cash flows, dividends, financing plans, business strategy, budgets, capital expenditures, competitive positions, growth opportunities, plans and objectives of management, and statements containing the words such as anticipate, approximate, believe, plan, estimate, expect, project, could, would, should, potential, upside, and other similar expressions, constitute forward-looking statements. Statements in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference concerning the business outlook or future economic performance, anticipated profitability, revenues, expenses, dividends or other financial items, and product or services line growth of the Company (and the combined businesses of the Company and Gentiva), together with other statements that are not historical facts, are forward-looking statements that are estimates reflecting the best judgment of the Company based upon currently available information. These statements are based upon current plans, estimates and projections, and are subject to change based upon a number of factors, including those outlined in this section. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we undertake no obligation to update publicly any of them in light of new information or future events, if any.

Such forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain, and you must recognize that actual results may differ materially from our expectations as a result of a variety of factors, including, without limitation, those discussed below. Such forward-looking statements are based upon management's current expectations and include known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which we are unable to predict or control, which may cause our actual results, performance or plans with respect to Gentiva to differ materially from any future results, performance or plans expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors discussed below and detailed from time to time in our filings with the SEC.

Risks and uncertainties related to the proposed Merger include, but are not limited to, the risk that Gentiva's stockholders do not approve the Merger, potential adverse reactions or changes to business relationships resulting from the announcement or completion of the Merger, uncertainties as to the timing of the Merger, adverse effects on our stock price resulting from the announcement or completion of the Merger, competitive responses to the announcement or completion of the Merger, the risk that healthcare regulatory, licensure or other approvals and financing required for the completion of the Merger are not obtained or are obtained subject to terms and conditions that are not anticipated, costs and difficulties related to the integration of Gentiva's businesses and operations with our businesses and operations, the inability to obtain, or delays in obtaining, cost savings and synergies from the Merger, uncertainties as to whether the completion of the Merger or any transaction will have the accretive effect on our earnings or cash flows that we expect, unexpected costs, liabilities, charges or expenses resulting from the Merger, litigation relating to the Merger, the inability to retain key personnel, and any changes in general economic and/or industry-specific conditions.

In addition to the factors set forth above, other factors that may affect our plans, results or stock price include, without limitation:

the impact of healthcare reform, which will initiate significant changes to the United States healthcare system, including potential material changes to the delivery of healthcare services and the reimbursement paid for such services by the government or other third party payors, including reforms resulting from the ACA or future deficit reduction measures adopted at the federal or state level. Healthcare reform is affecting each of our businesses in some manner. Potential future efforts in the U.S. Congress to repeal, amend, modify or retract funding for various aspects of the ACA create additional uncertainty about the ultimate impact of the ACA on us and the healthcare industry. Due to the substantial regulatory changes

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that will need to be implemented by CMS and others, and the numerous processes required to implement these reforms, we cannot predict which healthcare initiatives will be implemented at the federal or state level, the timing of any such reforms, or the effect such reforms or any other future legislation or regulation will have on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity;

our ability to adjust to the new patient criteria for LTAC hospitals under the Pathway for SGR Reform Act of 2013, which will reduce the population of patients eligible for the Company's hospital services and change the basis upon which we are paid;

the impact of final rules issued by CMS on August 1, 2012, which, among other things, reduced Medicare reimbursement to our TC hospitals in 2013 and beyond by imposing a budget neutrality adjustment and modifying the short-stay outlier rules;

the impact of the final rules issued by CMS in July 2011, which significantly reduced Medicare reimbursement to our nursing centers and changed payments for the provision of group therapy services effective October 1, 2011;

the impact of the Budget Control Act of 2011 (as amended by the Taxpayer Relief Act) which instituted an automatic 2% reduction on each claim submitted to Medicare beginning April 1, 2013;

the costs of defending and insuring against alleged professional liability and other claims and investigations (including those related to pending investigations and whistleblower and wage and hour class action lawsuits against us) and our ability to predict the estimated costs and reserves related to such claims and investigations, including the impact of differences in actuarial assumptions and estimates compared to eventual outcomes,

the impact of the Taxpayer Relief Act which, among other things, reduces Medicare payments by an additional 25% for subsequent procedures when multiple therapy services are provided on the same day. At this time, we believe that the rules related to multiple therapy services will reduce our Medicare revenues by \$25 million to \$30 million on an annual basis;

changes in the reimbursement rates or the methods or timing of payment from third party payors, including commercial payors and the Medicare and Medicaid programs, changes arising from and related to the Medicare prospective payment system for LTAC hospitals, including potential changes in the Medicare payment rules, the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, and changes in Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement for our TC hospitals, nursing centers, IRFs and home health and hospice operations, and the expiration of the Medicare Part B therapy cap exception process;

the effects of additional legislative changes and government regulations, interpretation of regulations and changes in the nature and enforcement of regulations governing the healthcare industry;

the ability of our hospitals and nursing centers to adjust to medical necessity reviews;

the impact of our significant level of indebtedness on our funding costs, operating flexibility and ability to fund ongoing operations, development capital expenditures or other strategic acquisitions with additional borrowings;

our ability to successfully redeploy our capital and proceeds of asset sales in pursuit of our business strategy and pursue our development activities, including through acquisitions, and successfully integrate new operations, including the realization of anticipated revenues, economies of scale, cost savings and productivity gains associated with such operations, as and when planned, including the potential impact of unanticipated issues, expenses and liabilities associated with those activities;

our ability to pay a dividend as, when and if declared by our board of directors, in compliance with applicable laws and our debt and other contractual arrangements;

the failure of our facilities to meet applicable licensure and certification requirements;

the further consolidation and cost containment efforts of managed care organizations and other third party payors;

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our ability to meet our rental and debt service obligations;

our ability to operate pursuant to the terms of our debt obligations, and comply with our covenants thereunder, and our ability to operate pursuant to our Master Lease Agreements with Ventas;

the condition of the financial markets, including volatility and weakness in the equity, capital and credit markets, which could limit the availability and terms of debt and equity financing sources to fund the requirements of our businesses, or which could negatively impact our investment portfolio;

our ability to control costs, particularly labor and employee benefit costs;

our ability to successfully reduce (by divestiture of operations or otherwise) our exposure to professional liability and other claims;

our obligations under various laws to self-report suspected violations of law by us to various government agencies, including any associated obligation to refund overpayments to government payors, fines and other sanctions;

national, regional and industry-specific economic, financial, business and political conditions, including their effect on the availability and cost of labor, credit, materials and other services;

increased operating costs due to shortages in qualified nurses, therapists and other healthcare personnel;

our ability to attract and retain key executives and other healthcare personnel;

our ability to successfully dispose of unprofitable facilities;

events or circumstances which could result in the impairment of an asset or other charges, such as the impact of the Medicare reimbursement regulations that resulted in us recording significant impairment charges in the last three fiscal years;

the outcome of any inquiries into Gentiva's operations and business practices by governmental authorities;

compliance with any corporate integrity agreement affecting Gentiva's operations;

ability of customers to pay for services;

business disruption due to severe weather conditions, natural disasters, pandemic outbreaks, terrorist acts or cyber attacks;

availability, effectiveness, stability and security of Gentiva's information technology systems;

changes in GAAP principles or practices, and changes in tax accounting or tax laws (or authoritative interpretations relating to any of these matters); and

our ability to maintain an effective system of internal control over financial reporting.

Many of these factors are beyond our control. We caution you that any forward-looking statements made by us are not guarantees of future performance. We disclaim any obligation to update any such factors or to announce publicly the results of any revisions to any of the forward-looking statements to reflect future events or developments.

You should carefully consider the risks that are described in the Risk Factors section, as well as other risks and uncertainties described under Risk Factors sections in Kindred's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 and Kindred's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2014, as such discussion may be amended or updated in other reports filed by us with the SEC, before making any investment decision with respect to our securities. If any of these trends, risks, assumptions or uncertainties actually occurs or continues, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected, the trading prices of our securities could decline and you could lose all or part of your investment. All forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement.

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The selected financial data below should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations as well as the consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto and the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

	Year ended December 31,					Nine months ended September 30,	
(In thousands, except per share amounts)	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2014	2013
Statement of Operations Data:							
Revenues	\$ 4,835,585	\$ 4,856,142	\$ 4,160,108	\$ 3,105,013	\$ 3,027,216	\$ 3,806,019	\$ 3,625,909
Salaries, wages and benefits	2,954,663	2,974,342	2,548,832	1,844,981	1,808,639	2,300,567	2,215,711
Supplies	322,941	335,905	309,103	259,140	251,937	242,176	244,247
Rent	311,526	303,564	276,540	240,493	232,210	241,449	230,605
Other operating expenses	965,760	893,974	838,647	648,308	609,421	768,247	720,498
Other income	(1,442)	(12,660)	(13,180)	(12,225)	(13,112)	(741)	(984)
Impairment charges	77,193	108,953	73,554				1,066
Depreciation and amortization	154,206	160,066	126,905	90,594	93,534	117,802	116,659
Interest expense	108,009	107,825	80,841	6,987	7,777	128,845	82,857
Investment income	(4,046)	(986)	(987)	(1,211)	(4,379)	(2,975)	(2,794)
	4,888,810	4,870,983	4,240,255	3,077,067	2,986,027	3,795,370	3,607,865
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	(53,225)	(14,841)	(80,147)	27,946	41,189	10,649	18,044
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(11,319)	30,642	(13,604)	9,873	15,808	3,582	9,203
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(41,906)	(45,483)	(66,543)	18,073	25,381	7,067	8,841
Discontinued operations, net of income taxes:							

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Income (loss) from operations	(39,042)	10,904	12,824	38,871	38,162	(22,255)	(31,892)
Loss on divestiture of operations	(83,887)	(4,745)		(453)	(23,432)	(3,637)	(77,893)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	(122,929)	6,159	12,824	38,418	14,730	(25,892)	(109,785)
Net income (loss)	(164,835)	(39,324)	(53,719)	56,491	40,111	(18,825)	(100,944)
(Earnings) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests:							
Continuing operations	(3,890)	(1,382)	81			(13,729)	(1,424)
Discontinued operations	233	339	157			401	172
	(3,657)	(1,043)	238			(13,328)	(1,252)
Income (loss) attributable to Kindred	\$ (168,492)	\$ (40,367)	\$ (53,481)	\$ 56,491	\$ 40,111	\$ (32,153)	\$ (102,196)
Amounts attributable to Kindred stockholders:							
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (45,796)	\$ (46,865)	\$ (66,462)	\$ 18,073	\$ 25,381	\$ (6,662)	\$ 7,417
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	(122,696)	6,498	12,981	38,418	14,730	(25,491)	(109,613)
Net income (loss)	\$ (168,492)	\$ (40,367)	\$ (53,481)	\$ 56,491	\$ 40,111	\$ (32,153)	\$ (102,196)
Earnings (loss) per common share:							
Basic:							
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (0.88)	\$ (0.91)	\$ (1.44)	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.65	\$ (0.12)	\$ 0.14
Discontinued operations:							
Income (loss) from operations	(0.74)	0.22	0.28	0.98	0.98	(0.39)	(0.59)
Loss on divestiture of	(1.61)	(0.09)		(0.01)	(0.60)	(0.06)	(1.44)

operations									
Income (loss)									
from discontinued									
operations									
	(2.35)	0.13	0.28	0.97	0.38	(0.45)	(2.03)		
Net income (loss)	\$ (3.23)	\$ (0.78)	\$ (1.16)	\$ 1.43	\$ 1.03	\$ (0.57)	\$ (1.89)		
Diluted:									
Income (loss)									
from continuing									
operations									
	\$ (0.88)	\$ (0.91)	\$ (1.44)	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.65	\$ (0.12)	\$ 0.14		
Discontinued									
operations:									
Income (loss)									
from operations									
	(0.74)	0.22	0.28	0.98	0.97	(0.39)	(0.59)		
Loss on									
divestiture of									
operations									
	(1.61)	(0.09)		(0.01)	(0.60)	(0.06)	(1.44)		
Income (loss)									
from discontinued									
operations									
	(2.35)	0.13	0.28	0.97	0.37	(0.45)	(2.03)		
Net income (loss)	\$ (3.23)	\$ (0.78)	\$ (1.16)	\$ 1.43	\$ 1.02	\$ (0.57)	\$ (1.89)		

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(In thousands, except per share amounts)	Year ended December 31,					Nine months ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2014	2013
Shares used in computing earnings (loss) per common share:							
Basic	52,249	51,659	46,280	38,738	38,339	56,443	52,218
Diluted	52,249	51,659	46,280	38,954	38,502	56,443	52,234
Cash dividends declared and paid per common share	\$ 0.24	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.12
Financial Position:							
Working capital	\$ 404,307	\$ 438,435	\$ 384,359	\$ 214,654	\$ 241,032	\$ 553,856	\$ 370,512
Total assets	3,945,869	4,237,946	4,138,493	2,337,415	2,022,224	4,024,788	3,864,609
Long-term debt	1,579,391	1,648,706	1,531,882	365,556	147,647	1,484,436	1,382,385
Equity	1,121,216	1,292,844	1,320,541	1,031,759	966,594	1,303,454	1,187,728

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DESCRIPTION OF THE EXCHANGE OFFER

Purpose of the Exchange Offer

On April 9, 2014, we issued \$500 million aggregate principal amount of the Old Notes. In connection with that issuance, we entered into a Registration Rights Agreement on April 9, 2014. Pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, the Company and the guarantors agreed that they will, at their expense, for the benefit of the holders of the Old Notes:

file a registration statement (Exchange Offer Registration Statement) covering an offer to the holders of the Old Notes to exchange all Old Notes for the New Notes;

have the Exchange Offer Registration Statement become and remain effective until 120 days after the Expiration Date;

commence the exchange offer promptly after the Exchange Offer Registration Statement is declared effective by the SEC and use commercially reasonable efforts to complete the exchange offer no later than 60 days after such effective date; and

use commercially reasonable efforts to consummate the exchange offer on or prior to the 365th day after April 9, 2014.

Upon the effectiveness of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, we will offer the New Notes in exchange for the Old Notes. We filed a copy of the Registration Rights Agreement as an exhibit incorporated by reference into the registration statement.

Resale of the New Notes

We are making the exchange offer in reliance on the position of the staff of the SEC as set forth in interpretive letters addressed to other parties in other transactions. For further information on the SEC's position, see *Exxon Capital Holdings Corporation*, available May 13, 1988, *Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated*, available June 5, 1991 and *Shearman & Sterling*, available July 2, 1993, and other interpretive letters to similar effect. We have not sought our own interpretive letter, however, and we cannot assure you that the staff would make a similar determination with respect to the exchange offer as it has in interpretive letters to other parties. Based on these interpretations by the staff, we believe that the New Notes issued under the exchange offer may be offered for resale, resold or otherwise transferred by you, without further compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery provisions of the Securities Act, so long as you:

(1) are acquiring the New Notes in the ordinary course of your business;

(2)

are not participating in, and do not intend to participate in, a distribution of the New Notes within the meaning of the Securities Act and have no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in a distribution of the New Notes within the meaning of the Securities Act;

(3) are not a broker-dealer who acquired the Old Notes directly from us; and

(4) are not an affiliate of ours, within the meaning of Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

By tendering the Old Notes in exchange for the New Notes, you will be required to represent to us that each of the above statements applies to you. If you are participating in or intend to participate in, a distribution of the New Notes, or have any arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in a distribution of the New Notes to be acquired in this exchange offer, you may be deemed to have received restricted securities and may not rely on the applicable interpretations of the staff of the SEC. If you are so deemed, you will have to comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any secondary resale transaction.

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Each broker-dealer that receives the New Notes for its own account in exchange for the Old Notes, where the Old Notes were acquired by the broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of the New Notes. The letter of transmittal states that by so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act. A broker-dealer may use this prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, in connection with resales of the New Notes received in exchange for the Old Notes which the broker-dealer acquired as a result of market-making or other trading activities. See Plan of Distribution.

The exchange offer is not being made to, nor will we accept tenders for exchange from, holders of the Old Notes in any jurisdiction in which the exchange offer or the acceptance of it would not be in compliance with the securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdiction.

Terms of the Exchange Offer

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this prospectus and the letter of transmittal, we will accept any and all Old Notes validly tendered and not validly withdrawn prior to the Expiration Date. We will issue \$1,000 principal amount of the New Notes in exchange for each \$1,000 principal amount of the Old Notes validly tendered and accepted pursuant to the exchange offer.

We will not pay any accrued and unpaid interest on the Old Notes that we acquire in the exchange offer. Instead, interest on the New Notes will accrue (a) from the later of (i) the last interest payment date on which interest was paid on the Old Note surrendered in exchange for the New Note or (ii) if the Old Note is surrendered for exchange on a date in a period that includes the record date for an interest payment date to occur on or after the date of such exchange and as to which interest will be paid, the date of such interest payment date, or (b) if no interest has been paid, from and including April 9, 2014, the original issue date of the Old Notes.

Tendering holders of the Old Notes must tender the Old Notes in minimum denominations of \$2,000, and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The New Notes will be issued in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

The terms of the New Notes are identical in all material respects to the terms of the Old Notes, except that:

- (1) we have registered the New Notes under the Securities Act and therefore these New Notes will not bear legends restricting their transfer; and
- (2) specified rights under the Registration Rights Agreement, including the provisions providing for payment of additional interest in specified circumstances relating to the exchange offer, will be eliminated for all the New Notes.

The New Notes will evidence the same debt as the Old Notes. The New Notes will be issued under the same indenture and will be entitled to the same benefits under that indenture as the Old Notes being exchanged. As of the date of this prospectus, \$500 million aggregate principal amount of the Old Notes are outstanding. The Old Notes accepted for exchange will be retired and cancelled and not reissued.

Except as described under Form, Book-Entry Procedures and Transfer, we will issue the New Notes in the form of one or more global notes registered in the name of DTC or its nominee, and each beneficial owner's interest in it will be transferable in book-entry form through DTC.

We will conduct the exchange offer in accordance with the applicable requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, and the rules and regulations of the SEC thereunder.

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We will be considered to have accepted validly tendered Old Notes if and when we have given oral or written notice to that effect to the exchange agent. The exchange agent will act as agent for the tendering holders for the purposes of receiving the New Notes from us.

If we do not accept any tendered Old Notes for exchange because of an invalid tender, the occurrence of the other events described in this prospectus or otherwise, we will return these Old Notes, without expense, to the tendering holder as soon as practicable after the Expiration Date of the exchange offer.

Holders who tender the Old Notes will not be required to pay brokerage commissions or fees or, subject to the instructions in the letter of transmittal, transfer taxes on exchange of the Old Notes in connection with the exchange offer. We will pay all charges and expenses, other than certain applicable taxes in certain circumstances, in connection with the exchange offer. See **Other Fees and Expenses** and **Transfer Taxes**.

If we successfully complete the exchange offer, any Old Notes which holders do not tender or which we do not accept in the exchange offer will remain outstanding and continue to accrue interest. The holders of the Old Notes after the exchange offer in general will not have further rights under the Registration Rights Agreement, including registration rights and any rights to additional interest. Holders wishing to transfer the Old Notes would have to rely on exemptions from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

Expiration Date; Extensions; Amendments; Termination

For purposes of the exchange offer, the term **Expiration Date** means 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on January 28, 2015, subject to our right to extend that time and date in our sole discretion, in which case the Expiration Date means the latest time and date to which the exchange offer is extended.

We reserve the right, in our sole discretion, by giving oral or written notice to the exchange agent, to:

extend the exchange offer;

terminate the exchange offer if a condition to our obligation to exchange the Old Notes for the New Notes is not satisfied or waived on or prior to the Expiration Date; and

amend the exchange offer.

If the exchange offer is amended in a manner that we determine constitutes a material change, we will extend the exchange offer for a period of two to ten business days, depending upon the significance of the amendment and the manner of disclosure to the holders, if the exchange offer would otherwise have expired during that two to ten business day period.

We will notify holders of the Old Notes of any extension, amendment or termination of the exchange offer by press release or other public announcement. We will announce any extension of the Expiration Date no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the first business day after the previously scheduled Expiration Date. We have no other obligation to publish, advertise or otherwise communicate any information about any extension, amendment or termination.

Settlement Date

We will deliver the New Notes on the settlement date, which will be as soon as practicable after the Expiration Date of the exchange offer. We will not be obligated to deliver the New Notes unless the exchange offer is consummated.

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Conditions to the Exchange Offer

Notwithstanding any other provision of the exchange offer, we will not be required to accept for exchange, or to issue the New Notes in exchange for, any Old Notes and may terminate or amend the exchange offer if at any time before the expiration of the exchange offer, we determine (i) that the exchange offer violates applicable law, any applicable interpretation of the staff of the SEC or any order of any governmental agency or court of competent jurisdiction; (ii) an action or proceeding shall have been instituted or threatened in any court or by any governmental agency which might materially impair our ability to proceed with the exchange offer or a material adverse development shall have occurred in any existing action or proceeding with respect to us; or (iii) all governmental approvals that we deem necessary for the consummation of the exchange offer have not been obtained.

Other than the federal securities laws, there are no federal or state regulatory requirements that we must comply with and there are no approvals that we must obtain in connection with the exchange offer.

The foregoing conditions are for our sole benefit and may be asserted by us regardless of the circumstances giving rise to any such condition or may be waived by us in whole or in part at any time and from time to time. The failure by us at any time to exercise any of the foregoing rights shall not be deemed a waiver of any of those rights and each of those rights shall be deemed an ongoing right which may be asserted at any time and from time to time. Any determination made by us concerning an event, development or circumstance described or referred to above will be conclusive and binding.

If any of the foregoing conditions are not satisfied, we may, at any time on or prior to the Expiration Date:

terminate the exchange offer and return all tendered Old Notes to the respective tendering holders;

modify, extend or otherwise amend the exchange offer and retain all tendered Old Notes until the Expiration Date, as extended, subject, however, to the withdrawal rights of holders; or

to the extent lawful, waive the unsatisfied conditions with respect to the exchange offer and accept all Old Notes tendered and not previously validly withdrawn.

In addition, we will not accept for exchange any Old Notes tendered, and no New Notes will be issued in exchange for those Old Notes, if at such time any stop order shall be threatened or in effect with respect to the registration statement of which this prospectus constitutes a part or with respect to the qualification of the indenture governing the New Notes under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "Trust Indenture Act").

Effect of Tender

Any tender by a holder, and our subsequent acceptance of that tender, of the Old Notes will constitute a binding agreement between that holder and us upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the exchange offer described in this prospectus and in the letter of transmittal. The acceptance of the exchange offer by a tendering holder of the Old Notes will constitute the agreement by that holder to deliver good and marketable title to the tendered Old Notes, free and clear of any and all liens, restrictions, charges, pledges, security interests, encumbrances or rights of any kind of third parties.

Letter of Transmittal; Representations, Warranties and Covenants of Holders of Old Notes

Upon agreement to the terms of the letter of transmittal pursuant to an agent's message, a holder, or the beneficial holder of the Old Notes on behalf of which the holder has tendered, will, subject to that holder's ability to withdraw its tender, and subject to the terms and conditions of the exchange offer generally, thereby:

- (1) irrevocably sell, assign and transfer to or upon our order or the order of our nominee all right, title and interest in and to, and any and all claims in respect of or arising or having arisen as a result of the

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holder's status as a holder of, all Old Notes tendered thereby, such that thereafter the holder shall have no contractual or other rights or claims in law or equity against us or any fiduciary, trustee, fiscal agent or other person connected with the Old Notes arising under, from or in connection with those Old Notes;

- (2) waive any and all rights with respect to the Old Notes tendered thereby, including, without limitation, any existing or past defaults and their consequences in respect of those Old Notes; and
- (3) release and discharge us and the trustee for the Old Notes from any and all claims the holder may have, now or in the future, arising out of or related to the Old Notes tendered thereby, including, without limitation, any claims that the holder is entitled to receive additional principal or interest payments with respect to the Old Notes tendered thereby, other than as expressly provided in this prospectus and in the letter of transmittal, or to participate in any redemption or defeasance of the Old Notes tendered thereby.

In addition, by tendering the Old Notes in the exchange offer, each holder of the Old Notes will represent, warrant and agree that:

- (1) it has received this prospectus;
- (2) it is the beneficial owner (as defined below) of, or a duly authorized representative of one or more beneficial owners of, the Old Notes tendered thereby, and it has full power and authority to execute the letter of transmittal;
- (3) the Old Notes being tendered thereby were owned as of the date of tender, free and clear of any liens, charges, claims, encumbrances, interests and restrictions of any kind, and we will acquire good, indefeasible and unencumbered title to those Old Notes, free and clear of all liens, charges, claims, encumbrances, interests and restrictions of any kind, when we accept the same;
- (4) it will not sell, pledge, hypothecate or otherwise encumber or transfer any Old Notes tendered thereby from the date of the letter of transmittal, and any purported sale, pledge, hypothecation or other encumbrance or transfer will be void and of no effect;
- (5) in evaluating the exchange offer and in making its decision whether to participate in the exchange offer by tendering its Old Notes, it has made its own independent appraisal of the matters referred to in this prospectus and the letter of transmittal and in any related communications and it is not relying on any statement, representation or warranty, express or implied, made to it by us or the exchange agent, other than those contained in this prospectus, as amended or supplemented through the Expiration Date;
- (6) the execution and delivery of the letter of transmittal shall constitute an undertaking to execute any further documents and give any further assurances that may be required in connection with any of the foregoing, in each case on and subject to the terms and conditions described or referred to in this prospectus;

- (7) the agreement to the terms of the letter of transmittal pursuant to an agent's message shall, subject to the terms and conditions of the exchange offer, constitute the irrevocable appointment of the exchange agent as its attorney and agent and an irrevocable instruction to that attorney and agent to complete and execute all or any forms of transfer and other documents at the discretion of that attorney and agent in relation to the Old Notes tendered thereby in favor of us or any other person or persons as we may direct and to deliver those forms of transfer and other documents in the attorney's and agent's discretion and the certificates and other documents of title relating to the registration of the Old Notes and to execute all other documents and to do all other acts and things as may be in the opinion of that attorney or agent necessary or expedient for the purpose of, or in connection with, the acceptance of the exchange offer, and to vest in us or our nominees those Old Notes;

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- (8) the terms and conditions of the exchange offer shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and form a part of, the letter of transmittal, which shall be read and construed accordingly;
- (9) it is acquiring the New Notes in the ordinary course of its business;
- (10) it is not participating in, and does not intend to participate in, a distribution of the New Notes within the meaning of the Securities Act and has no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in a distribution of the New Notes within the meaning of the Securities Act;
- (11) it is not a broker-dealer who acquired the Old Notes directly from us; and
- (12) it is not an affiliate of ours, within the meaning of Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

The representations, warranties and agreements of a holder tendering the Old Notes will be deemed to be repeated and reconfirmed on and as of the Expiration Date and the settlement date. For purposes of this prospectus, the beneficial owner of any Old Notes means any holder that exercises investment discretion with respect to those Old Notes.

Absence of Dissenters' Rights

Holders of the Old Notes do not have any appraisal or dissenters' rights in connection with the exchange offer.

Acceptance of Old Notes for Exchange and Delivery of New Notes

On the settlement date, the New Notes to be issued in exchange for the Old Notes in the exchange offer, if consummated, will be delivered in book-entry form.

We will be deemed to accept validly tendered Old Notes that have not been validly withdrawn as provided in this prospectus when, and if, we give oral or written notice of acceptance to the exchange agent. Subject to the terms and conditions of the exchange offer, delivery of the New Notes will be made by the exchange agent on the settlement date following receipt of that notice. The exchange agent will act as agent for tendering holders of the Old Notes for the purpose of receiving the Old Notes and transmitting the New Notes as of the settlement date. If any tendered Old Notes are not accepted for any reason described in the terms and conditions of the exchange offer, such unaccepted Old Notes will be returned without expense to the tendering holders as promptly as practicable after the expiration or termination of the exchange offer.

Procedures for Tendering

To participate in the exchange offer, you must properly tender your Old Notes to the exchange agent as described below. We will only issue the New Notes in exchange for the Old Notes that you timely and properly tender. Therefore, you should allow sufficient time to ensure timely delivery of the Old Notes, and you should follow carefully the instructions on how to tender your Old Notes. It is your responsibility to properly tender your Old Notes. We have the right to waive any defects. However, we are not required to waive defects, and neither we, nor the exchange agent is required to notify you of defects in your tender.

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If you have any questions or need help in exchanging your Old Notes, please contact the exchange agent at the address or telephone numbers set forth below.

All of the Old Notes were issued in book-entry form, and all of the Old Notes are currently represented by global certificates registered in the name of Cede & Co., the nominee of DTC. We have confirmed with DTC that the Old Notes may be tendered using DTC's automatic tender offer program, or ATOP. The exchange agent will

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establish an account with DTC for purposes of the exchange offer promptly after the commencement of the exchange offer, and DTC participants may electronically transmit their acceptance of the exchange offer by causing DTC to transfer their Old Notes to the exchange agent using the ATOP procedures. In connection with the transfer, DTC will send an agent's message to the exchange agent. The agent's message will state that DTC has received instructions from the participant to tender the Old Notes and that the participant agrees to be bound by the terms of the letter of transmittal.

By using the ATOP procedures to exchange the Old Notes, you will not be required to deliver a letter of transmittal to the exchange agent. However, you will be bound by its terms just as if you had signed it.

Determinations Under the Exchange Offer. We will determine in our sole discretion all questions as to the validity, form, eligibility, time of receipt, acceptance of tendered Old Notes and withdrawal of tendered Old Notes. Our determination will be final and binding. We reserve the absolute right to reject any Old Notes not properly tendered or any Old Notes our acceptance of which would, in the opinion of our counsel, be unlawful. We also reserve the right to waive any defect, irregularities or conditions of tender as to particular Old Notes. Our interpretation of the terms and conditions of the exchange offer, including the instructions in the letter of transmittal, will be final and binding on all parties. Unless waived, all defects or irregularities in connection with tenders of the Old Notes must be cured within such time as we shall determine. Although we intend to notify holders of defects or irregularities with respect to tenders of the Old Notes, neither we, the exchange agent nor any other person will incur any liability for failure to give such notification. Tendere of the Old Notes will not be deemed made until such defects or irregularities have been cured or waived. Any Old Notes received by the exchange agent that are not properly tendered and as to which the defects or irregularities have not been cured or waived will be returned to the tendering holder as soon as practicable after the Expiration Date of the exchange.

When We Will Issue the New Notes. In all cases, we will issue the New Notes for the Old Notes that we have accepted for exchange under the exchange offer only after the exchange agent receives, prior to the Expiration Date:

a book-entry confirmation of such number of the Old Notes into the exchange agent's account at DTC; and

a properly transmitted agent's message.

Return of the Old Notes Not Accepted or Exchanged. If we do not accept any tendered Old Notes for exchange or if the Old Notes are submitted for a greater principal amount than the holder desires to exchange, the unaccepted or non-exchanged Old Notes will be returned without expense to their tendering holder. Such non-exchanged Old Notes will be credited to an account maintained with DTC. These actions will occur as promptly as practicable after the expiration or termination of the exchange offer.

Participating Broker-Dealers. Each broker-dealer that receives the New Notes for its own account in exchange for the Old Notes, where those Old Notes were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of those New Notes. See Plan of Distribution.

Withdrawal of Tenders

Tenders of the Old Notes may be withdrawn at any time prior to the Expiration Date.

For a withdrawal to be effective, you must comply with the appropriate ATOP procedures. Any notice of withdrawal must specify the name and number of the account at DTC to be credited with withdrawn Old Notes and otherwise comply with the ATOP procedures.

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We will determine all questions as to the validity, form, eligibility and time of receipt of a notice of withdrawal. Our determination shall be final and binding on all parties. We will deem any Old Notes so withdrawn not to have been validly tendered for exchange for purposes of the exchange offer.

Any Old Notes that have been tendered for exchange but that are not exchanged for any reason will be credited to an account maintained with DTC for the Old Notes. This return or crediting will take place as soon as practicable after withdrawal, rejection of tender, expiration or termination of the exchange offer. You may retender properly withdrawn Old Notes by following the procedures described under Procedures for Tendering above at any time on or prior to the Expiration Date of the exchange offer.

Exchange Agent

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association has been appointed as the exchange agent for the exchange offer. All correspondence in connection with the exchange offer should be sent or delivered by each holder of the Old Notes, or a beneficial owner's commercial bank, broker, dealer, trust company or other nominee, to the exchange agent at:

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association

Corporate Trust Operations

MAC N9303-121

6th St. & Marquette Avenue

Minneapolis, MN 55479

Telephone: (800) 344-5128

Facsimile: (612) 667-6282

Questions concerning tender procedures should be directed to the exchange agent at the address, telephone numbers or fax number listed above. Holders of the Old Notes may also contact their commercial bank, broker, dealer, trust company or other nominee for assistance concerning the exchange offer. We will pay the exchange agent reasonable and customary fees for its services and will reimburse it for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

Announcements

We may make any announcement required pursuant to the terms of this prospectus or required by the Exchange Act or the rules promulgated thereunder through a reasonable press release or other public announcement in our sole discretion; provided, that, if any such announcement is made by issuing a press release to Business Wire, PR Newswire or Dow Jones News Service, such announcement shall be reasonable and sufficient.

Other Fees and Expenses

We will bear the expenses of soliciting tenders of the Old Notes. The principal solicitation is being made by mail. Additional solicitations may, however, be made by e-mail, facsimile transmission, telephone or in person by the exchange agent as well as our officers and other employees and those of our affiliates.

We have not retained any dealer-manager in connection with this exchange offer and will not make any payments to broker-dealers or others soliciting acceptances of the exchange offer. However, we will pay the exchange agent reasonable and customary fees for its services and will reimburse it for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

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Tendering holders of the Old Notes will not be required to pay any fee or commission to the exchange agent. If, however, a tendering holder handles the transaction through its commercial bank, broker, dealer, trust company or other institution, that holder may be required to pay brokerage fees or commissions.

Accounting Treatment

The New Notes will be recorded at the same carrying value as the Old Notes as reflected in our accounting records on the settlement date for the Exchange Offer. Accordingly, we will not recognize any gain or loss for accounting purposes upon the consummation of the Exchange Offer.

Transfer Taxes

Holders who tender their Old Notes for exchange will not be obligated to pay any transfer taxes in connection with that tender or exchange, except that holders who instruct us to register the New Notes in the name of, or request that the Old Notes not tendered or not accepted in the exchange offer be returned to, a person other than the registered tendering holder will be responsible for the payment of any applicable transfer tax on those Old Notes.

Consequences of Failure to Exchange

Holders of the Old Notes who do not exchange their Old Notes for the New Notes under this exchange offer will remain subject to the restrictions on transfer applicable in the Old Notes as set forth in the legend printed on the Old Notes as a consequence of the issuance of the Old Notes pursuant to exemptions from, or in transactions not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws.

Any Old Notes not tendered by their holders in exchange for the New Notes in this exchange offer will not retain any rights under the Registration Rights Agreement (except in certain limited circumstances) or any rights to additional interest. See Resale Registration Statement; Additional Interest.

In general, you may not offer or sell the Old Notes unless they are registered under the Securities Act, or if the offer or sale is exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. We do not intend to register resales of the Old Notes under the Securities Act. Based on interpretations of the SEC staff, the New Notes issued pursuant to this exchange offer may be offered for resale, resold or otherwise transferred by their holders (other than any such holder that is our affiliate within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act) without compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery provisions of the Securities Act, provided that the holders acquired the New Notes in the ordinary course of business and the holders are not engaged in, have no arrangement with any person to participate in, and do not intend to engage in, any public distribution of the New Notes to be acquired in this exchange offer. Any holder who tenders in this exchange offer and is engaged in, has an arrangement with any person to participate in, or intends to engage in, any public distribution of the New Notes (i) may not rely on the applicable interpretations of the SEC and (ii) must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with a secondary resale transaction.

Resale Registration Statement; Additional Interest

Under the Registration Rights Agreement, in the event that:

(1)

we determine that the Exchange Offer Registration Statement is not available or the exchange offer may not be completed as soon as practicable after the Expiration Date because it would violate any applicable law or applicable interpretations of the SEC;

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(2) the exchange offer is not for any other reason completed by the 365th day after April 9, 2014; or

(3) upon receipt of a written request (a Shelf Request) from any initial purchaser representing that it holds Old Notes that are or were ineligible to be exchanged in the exchange offer;

then, we shall use our commercially reasonable efforts to cause to be filed as soon as practicable after such determination, date or Shelf Request, as the case may be, a shelf registration statement on an appropriate form under Rule 415 of the Securities Act, which may be an amendment to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement (in either event, the Shelf Registration Statement), providing for the sale of all the Old Notes by the holders thereof and to have such Shelf Registration Statement become effective.

We will use our commercially reasonable efforts to keep such Shelf Registration Statement continuously effective, supplemented and amended to the extent necessary to ensure that it is available for resales of the New Notes by the holders, until the earlier to occur of (i) the date when (x) a registration statement with respect to the Old Notes has been declared effective by the SEC and the Old Notes have been exchanged or disposed of pursuant to such registration statement, (y) the Old Notes cease to be outstanding or (z) except for Old Notes that are held by an initial purchaser and that are ineligible to be exchanged in an exchange offer, when the exchange offer is consummated and (ii) one year following the date when the Shelf Registration Statement has been declared effective by the SEC (the Shelf Effectiveness Period).

The Registration Rights Agreement further provides that in the event that (i) we have not completed the exchange offer on or prior to the 365th day after April 9, 2014, (ii) the Shelf Registration Statement, if required by clauses 1 and 2 above, has not been declared effective by the SEC on or prior to the 365th day after April 9, 2014, (iii) the Shelf Registration Statement, if required by clause 3 above pursuant to a Shelf Request, has not been declared effective by the SEC by the later of the 365th day after April 9, 2014 and 90 days after delivery of such Shelf Request, (iv) the Shelf Registration Statement, if required, has become effective and thereafter ceases to be effective or the prospectus therein ceases to be usable at any time during the Shelf Effectiveness Period, and such failure to remain effective or usable exists for more than 45 days (whether or not consecutive) in any 12-month period or (v) the Shelf Registration Statement, if required, has become effective and thereafter, on more than two occasions in any 12-month period during the Shelf Effectiveness Period, ceases to be effective or the prospectus contained therein ceases to be usable (each such event, a Registration Default) then the interest rate borne by the Old Notes will be increased by (a) 0.25% per annum for the first 90-day period beginning on the day immediately following such Registration Default and (b) an additional 0.25% per annum with respect to each subsequent 90-day period, in each case until and including the date such Registration Default ends, up to a maximum increase of 1.00% per annum.

Other

Participation in this exchange offer is voluntary, and you should carefully consider whether to participate. You are urged to consult your financial and tax advisors in making your own decision as to what action to take.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

On April 9, 2014, Kindred issued the Old Notes under an indenture dated as of the Issue Date (the **Indenture**) among the Company, the guarantors party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the **Trustee**). The terms of the Notes include those expressly set forth in the Indenture and those made part of the Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act. The Indenture is unlimited in aggregate principal amount, although the issuance of Notes in this offering will be limited to \$500 million. The Company may issue an unlimited principal amount of additional notes (the **Additional Notes**) from time to time without notice to or the consent of the holders of the Notes. Such Additional Notes will have identical terms and conditions as the Notes other than, if applicable, the issue price, the first interest payment date, the issue date, the amount of the first interest payment and provisions with respect to transferability under the Securities Act and registration rights. The Company will only be permitted to issue such Additional Notes if at the time of such issuance, the Company is in compliance with the covenant described under the caption **Certain Covenants Limitation on Indebtedness**. Any Additional Notes will be part of the same issue as the Notes that are currently being offered and will vote on all matters with the holders of the Notes as a single class.

This description of notes is intended to be an overview of the material provisions of the Notes and the Indenture, and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to all of the provisions of the Indenture, including those terms made a part thereof by the Trust Indenture Act. Since this description of the Notes is only a summary, you should refer to the Indenture for a more comprehensive description of the obligations of the Company and your rights. The Company will make a copy of the Indenture available to the holders and to prospective investors upon request.

You will find the definitions of certain capitalized terms used in this description under the heading **Certain Definitions**. For purposes of this description, references to **Kindred**, **the Company**, **we**, **our** and **us** refer only to Kindred Healthcare, Inc. and not to its subsidiaries, and the term **Notes** refers to the Old Notes and any New Notes issued in exchange therefor.

Certain defined terms used in this description but not defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

General

The Notes

The Notes:

will be general unsecured, senior obligations of the Company;

will be initially limited to an aggregate principal amount of \$500 million, subject to our ability to issue Additional Notes;

will mature on April 15, 2022;

will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior basis by each Domestic Wholly Owned Subsidiary that borrows under or guarantees, and any future Domestic Wholly Owned Subsidiary that borrows under or guarantees, the Senior Credit Facilities. See Subsidiary Guarantees ;

will be issued in denominations of \$2,000 and larger integral multiples of \$1,000;

will be represented by one or more registered Notes in global form, but in certain circumstances may be represented by Notes in definitive form. See Form, Book-Entry Procedures and Transfer ;

will rank equally in right of payment to any existing and future senior Indebtedness of the Company;

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will be effectively subordinated to all Secured Indebtedness of the Company (including the Senior Credit Facilities) to the extent of the value of the assets or property securing such Indebtedness; and

will be senior in right of payment to any future Subordinated Indebtedness of the Company to the extent that such future Subordinated Indebtedness provides by its terms that it is subordinated to the Notes.

Interest on the Notes will:

accrue at the rate of 6.375% per annum;

accrue from the date of original issuance or, if interest has already been paid, from the most recent interest payment date;

be payable in cash semi-annually in arrears on April 15 and October 15, commencing on October 15, 2014;

be payable to the holders of record on April 1 and October 1 immediately preceding the related interest payment dates; and

be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

Payments on the Notes; Paying Agent and Registrar

The Company will pay principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes at the office or agency designated by the Company, except that the Company may, at its option, pay interest on the Notes by check mailed to holders of the Notes at their registered address as it appears in the Registrar's books. The Company has initially designated the Trustee to act as its Paying Agent and Registrar. The Company may, however, change the Paying Agent or Registrar without prior notice to the holders of the Notes, and the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries may act as Paying Agent or Registrar.

The Company will pay principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, Notes in global form registered in the name of or held by DTC or its nominee in immediately available funds to DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered holder of such global Note.

Transfer and Exchange

A holder may transfer or exchange Notes in accordance with the Indenture. The Registrar and the Trustee may require a holder of the Notes, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents. No service charge will be imposed by the Company, the Trustee or the Registrar for any registration of transfer or exchange of Notes, but holders of the Notes will be required to pay a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or other governmental taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Company is not required to transfer or exchange any Note selected for redemption. Also, the Company is not required to transfer or exchange any Note for a period of 15 days before a selection of Notes to be redeemed.

The registered holder of a Note will be treated as the owner of it for all purposes.

Optional Redemption

Except as described below, the Notes are not redeemable until April 15, 2017. On and after April 15, 2017, the Company may, at its option, redeem all or, from time to time, a part of the Notes upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice, at the following redemption prices (expressed as a percentage of principal amount of the

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Notes to be redeemed) plus accrued and unpaid interest and Additional Interest on the Notes, if any, to the applicable redemption date (subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date), if redeemed during the twelve month period beginning on April 15 of the years indicated below:

Year	Percentage
2017	104.781%
2018	103.188%
2019	101.594%
2020 and thereafter	100.000%

At any time prior to April 15, 2017, the Company may on any one or more occasions redeem up to 35% of the aggregate original principal amount of Notes issued under the Indenture (calculated after giving effect to any issuance of Additional Notes) with the Net Cash Proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings at a redemption price of 106.375% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date (subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date); *provided* that

- (1) at least 65% of the aggregate original principal amount of Notes issued under the Indenture (calculated after giving effect to any issuance of Additional Notes) remains outstanding immediately after each such redemption; and
- (2) the redemption occurs within 120 days after the closing of each such Equity Offering.

In addition, at any time prior to April 15, 2017, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice mailed by first-class mail to each holder's registered address (or with respect to global Notes, to the extent permitted or required by applicable DTC procedures or regulations, send electronically), the Company may redeem all or part of the Notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus the Applicable Premium as of, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, the redemption date (subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date).

Notice of any redemption upon any Equity Offering may be given prior to the completion thereof. In addition, any such redemption or notice may, at the Company's discretion, be subject to one or more conditions precedent, including, but not limited to, completion of the related Equity Offering, in the case of a redemption upon completion of an Equity Offering.

If the optional redemption date is on or after an interest record date and on or before the related interest payment date, the accrued and unpaid interest, if any, will be paid to the Person in whose name the Note is registered at the close of business, on such record date, and no Additional Interest will be payable to holders whose Notes will be subject to redemption by the Company.

In the case of any partial redemption, subject to DTC procedures applicable to Notes held in global form, selection of the Notes for redemption will be made by the Trustee in compliance with the requirements of the principal national securities exchange, if any, on which the Notes are listed or, if the Notes are not listed, then on a pro rata basis, by lot or by such other method as the Trustee in its sole discretion will deem to be fair and appropriate, although no Note of

\$2,000 or less in original principal amount will be redeemed in part. If any Note is to be redeemed in part only, the notice of redemption relating to such Note will state the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. A new Note in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion thereof will be issued in the name of the holder thereof upon cancellation of the original Note.

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Mandatory Redemption; Offers to Purchase; Open Market Purchases

The Company is not required to make any mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes. However, under certain circumstances, the Company may be required to offer to purchase the Notes as described under the caption Repurchase at the Option of Holders. We may at any time and from time to time acquire Notes by means other than a redemption, whether by tender offer, open market purchases, negotiated transactions or otherwise, in accordance with applicable securities laws, so long as such acquisition does not otherwise violate the terms of the Indenture.

Ranking

The Notes will be general unsecured obligations of the Company that rank senior in right of payment to all existing and future Indebtedness that is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Notes. The Notes will rank equally in right of payment with all existing and future liabilities of the Company that are not so subordinated and will be effectively subordinated to all of our Secured Indebtedness (to the extent of the value of the assets or property securing such Indebtedness) and all liabilities of our Subsidiaries that do not guarantee the Notes. In the event of bankruptcy, liquidation, reorganization or other winding up of the Company or the Subsidiary Guarantors or upon a default in payment with respect to, or the acceleration of, any Indebtedness under the Senior Credit Facilities or other Secured Indebtedness, the assets and property of the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors that secure such Secured Indebtedness will be available to pay obligations on the Notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees only after all Indebtedness under such Senior Credit Facilities and other Secured Indebtedness has been repaid in full from such assets or property. There may not be sufficient assets or property remaining to pay amounts due on any or all of the Notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees then outstanding.

Assuming that we had completed the Transactions, as of September 30, 2014:

outstanding long-term debt (including the current portion of long-term debt) of the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors would have been approximately \$3.0 billion, \$1.2 billion of which would have been secured; and

the Company would have had no Subordinated Obligations (other than intercompany liabilities).

Subsidiary Guarantees

Each of the Company's Domestic Wholly Owned Subsidiaries that borrows under or guarantees the Senior Credit Facilities will, jointly and severally, fully and unconditionally guarantee on a senior unsecured basis, all of the Company's obligations under the Notes and the Indenture. In addition, any Domestic Wholly Owned Subsidiary that in the future borrows under or guarantees the Senior Credit Facilities will also be required to become a Subsidiary Guarantor. The Subsidiary Guarantors have agreed to pay, in addition to the amounts described above, any and all costs and expenses (including reasonable counsel fees and expenses) incurred by the Trustee or the holders in enforcing any rights under the Subsidiary Guarantees.

Each of the Guarantees of the Notes:

will be a general unsecured senior obligation of each Guarantor;

will rank equally in right of payment with any existing and future senior indebtedness of each such entity;
and

will be effectively subordinated to all Secured Indebtedness (including the Guarantee of the Senior Credit Facilities) of each such entity.

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The Notes will be structurally subordinated to all liabilities of Subsidiaries of the Company that do not guarantee the Notes.

Although the Indenture limits the amount of Indebtedness that Restricted Subsidiaries may Incur, such Indebtedness may be substantial. In addition, although the covenants under the Indenture apply to the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, certain financial components of such covenants, including the Consolidated Coverage Ratio, components of Consolidated EBITDA (including Consolidated Net Income) and Total Assets, take account of the activities of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries, including Unrestricted Subsidiaries whose activities are not restricted by the Indenture.

Any Subsidiary Guarantor that makes a payment under its Guarantee will be entitled upon payment in full of all Guaranteed Obligations under the Indenture to a contribution from each other Subsidiary Guarantor in an amount equal to such other Subsidiary Guarantor's pro rata portion of such payment based upon the respective net assets of all the Subsidiary Guarantors at the time of such payment determined in accordance with GAAP.

The obligations of each Subsidiary Guarantor under its Subsidiary Guarantee will be limited as necessary to prevent that Subsidiary Guarantee from constituting a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer under applicable law. There can be no assurance, however, that a court would enforce such a provision in lieu of voiding the relevant Subsidiary Guarantee. If a Subsidiary Guarantee was rendered voidable, it could be subordinated by a court to all other Indebtedness (including Guarantees and other contingent liabilities) of the Subsidiary Guarantor, and, depending on the amount of such Indebtedness, a Subsidiary Guarantor's liability on its Subsidiary Guarantee could be reduced to zero. See Risk Factors Risk Factors Relating to Our Indebtedness and the New Notes Under certain circumstances a court could cancel the New Notes or the related guarantees under fraudulent conveyance laws. If that occurs, you may not receive any payments on the New Notes.

Each Subsidiary Guarantee by a Subsidiary Guarantor will provide by its terms that it will be automatically and unconditionally released and discharged:

(1)(a) upon the occurrence of (i) any sale, exchange, transfer or other disposition (by merger, consolidation, liquidation, dissolution or otherwise) of the Capital Stock of such Subsidiary Guarantor after which the applicable Subsidiary Guarantor is no longer a Restricted Subsidiary or of all of the assets and property of such Subsidiary Guarantor (other than by lease), which sale, exchange, transfer or other disposition is made in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Indenture, including the covenants Repurchase at the Option of Holders Sales of Assets and Subsidiary Stock (it being understood that only such portion of the Net Available Cash as is required to be applied on or before the date of such release in accordance with the terms of the Indenture needs to be applied in accordance therewith at such time) and Certain Covenants Merger and Consolidation ;

(b) upon the release or discharge of such Subsidiary Guarantor from its Guarantee of Indebtedness of the Company under the Senior Credit Facilities (including by reason of the termination of the Senior Credit Facilities); *provided* that if such Subsidiary Guarantor has Incurred any Indebtedness or issued any Preferred Stock or Disqualified Stock in reliance on its status as a Subsidiary Guarantor under the covenant Certain Covenants Limitation on Indebtedness, such Subsidiary Guarantor's obligations under such Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock, as the case may be, so Incurred are satisfied in full or discharged or are otherwise permitted to be Incurred by a Non-Guarantor Restricted Subsidiary under Certain Covenants Limitation on Indebtedness ;

(c) upon the designation of any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Subsidiary Guarantor as an Unrestricted Subsidiary in accordance with the provisions described in Certain Covenants Limitation on Restricted Payments and the definition of Unrestricted Subsidiary; or

(d) upon the Company exercising its legal defeasance or covenant defeasance option as described under Defeasance or the Company's obligations under the Indenture being discharged in accordance with the terms of the Indenture; and

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(2) such Subsidiary Guarantor delivering to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent provided for in the Indenture relating to such transaction have been complied with.

Repurchase at the Option of Holders

Change of Control

If a Change of Control occurs, unless the Company has exercised its right to redeem all of the Notes as described under Optional Redemption, each holder will have the right to require the Company to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$2,000 or larger integral multiples of \$1,000) of such holder's Notes at a purchase price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes repurchased plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the date of purchase (subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date).

Within 30 days following any Change of Control, unless the Company has exercised its right to redeem all of the Notes as described under Optional Redemption, the Company will mail a notice (the Change of Control Offer) to each holder of the Notes (or with respect to global Notes, to the extent permitted or required by applicable DTC procedures or regulations, send electronically), with a copy to the Trustee, stating:

(1) that a Change of Control has occurred and that such holder has the right to require the Company to purchase such holder's Notes at a purchase price in cash equal to 101% of the principal amount of such Notes plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase (subject to the right of holders of record on a record date to receive interest on the relevant interest payment date) (the Change of Control Payment);

(2) the repurchase date (which shall be no earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days from the date such notice is sent) (the Change of Control Payment Date); *provided* that if the Change of Control Offer is conditioned upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, such Change of Control Offer may be extended to the date of the occurrence of such Change of Control even if later than such 60th day; and

(3) the procedures determined by the Company, consistent with the Indenture, that a holder must follow in order to have its Notes repurchased.

On the Change of Control Payment Date, the Company will, to the extent lawful:

(1) accept for payment all Notes or portions of Notes (equal to \$2,000 or larger integral multiples of \$1,000) properly tendered and not withdrawn pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;

(2) deposit with the paying agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered and not withdrawn; and

(3) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Notes so accepted together with an Officers' Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Notes or portions of Notes being purchased by the Company.

The paying agent will promptly mail to each holder of Notes properly tendered and not withdrawn the Change of Control Payment for such Notes, and the Trustee will promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book entry) to each holder a new Note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered, if any; *provided* that each such new Note will be in a principal amount of \$2,000 or larger integral multiples of

\$1,000.

If the Change of Control Payment Date is on or after an interest record date and on or before the related interest payment date, any accrued and unpaid interest, if any, will be paid on the relevant interest payment date to the

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Person in whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on such record date, and no Additional Interest will be payable to holders who tender pursuant to the Change of Control Offer.

The Change of Control provisions described above will be applicable whether or not any other provisions of the Indenture are applicable. Except as described above with respect to a Change of Control, the Indenture does not contain provisions that permit the holders to require that the Company repurchase or redeem the Notes in the event of a takeover, recapitalization or similar transaction.

The Company will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon a Change of Control if a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in the Indenture applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by the Company and purchases all Notes properly tendered and not withdrawn under such Change of Control Offer. A Change of Control Offer may be made in advance of a Change of Control, conditional upon such Change of Control, if a definitive agreement is in place for the Change of Control at the time of the making of the Change of Control Offer.

The Company will comply, to the extent applicable, with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws or regulations in connection with the repurchase of Notes pursuant to the Change of Control Offer. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with provisions of the Indenture, the Company will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations described in the Indenture by virtue of such compliance.

The occurrence of events that would constitute a Change of Control may constitute a default under the Senior Credit Facilities. Future Indebtedness of the Company may contain prohibitions on certain events that would constitute a Change of Control or require such Indebtedness to be repurchased upon a Change of Control. Moreover, the exercise by the holders of the Notes of their right to require the Company to repurchase the Notes could cause a default under such Indebtedness, even if the Change of Control itself does not, due to the financial effect of such repurchase on the Company. Finally, the Company's ability to pay cash to the holders of the Notes upon a repurchase may be limited by the Company's then existing financial resources. There can be no assurance that sufficient funds will be available when necessary to make any required repurchase. See Risk Factors Risk Factors Relating to Our Indebtedness and the Notes We may not have the ability to raise the funds necessary to finance the change of control offer required by the indenture governing the New Notes.

The Change of Control provisions described above may deter or make more difficult certain mergers, tender offers and other takeover attempts involving the Company by increasing the capital required to effectuate such transactions. The definition of "Change of Control" includes a disposition of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole to any Person. Although there is a limited body of case law interpreting the phrase "substantially all," there is no precise established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, in certain circumstances there may be a degree of uncertainty as to whether a particular transaction would involve a disposition of "all or substantially all" of the property or assets of a Person. As a result, it may be unclear as to whether a Change of Control has occurred and whether a holder of Notes may require the Company to make an offer to repurchase the Notes as described above. The provisions under the Indenture relative to the Company's obligation to make an offer to repurchase the Notes as a result of a Change of Control may be waived or modified with the written consent of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the Notes.

Sales of Assets and Subsidiary Stock

The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, consummate any Asset Sale *unless*:

(1) the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, receives consideration at least equal to the fair market value (such fair market value to be determined as of the date of contractually agreeing to such Asset Sale) of the Capital Stock, property or assets subject to such Asset Sale;

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(2) such fair market value (including the fair market value of all non-cash consideration) shall be determined in good faith by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary (which determination, if the sale price exceeds \$25.0 million, is evidenced by a resolution of the Company's or such Restricted Subsidiary's Board of Directors) as at the time of such Asset Sale;

(3) at least 75% of the consideration from such Asset Sale received by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, is in the form of cash or Cash Equivalents; and

(4) an amount equal to 100% of the Net Available Cash from such Asset Sale is applied by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary within 366 days from the date of receipt of such Net Available Cash (the Asset Sale Proceeds Application Period), as follows:

(a) to repay, prepay, defease, redeem, purchase or otherwise retire (and to permanently reduce commitments with respect thereto in the case of revolving borrowings): (x) Indebtedness or other obligations under the Senior Credit Facilities; (y) Indebtedness of the Company (other than any Disqualified Stock or Subordinated Obligations) or a Subsidiary Guarantor that is secured by a Lien (other than Indebtedness owed to an Affiliate of the Company); or (z) Indebtedness of a Non-Guarantor Restricted Subsidiary (other than Disqualified Stock and Indebtedness owed to the Company or an Affiliate of the Company);

(b) to permanently reduce obligations under any other Indebtedness of the Company (other than any Disqualified Stock or Subordinated Obligations) or Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary (other than any Disqualified Stock or Guarantor Subordinated Obligations) (in each case other than Indebtedness owed to the Company or an Affiliate of the Company); *provided* that the Company shall on a pro rata basis reduce (or offer to reduce) obligations under the Notes as provided under Optional Redemption, through open market purchases (to the extent such purchases are at or above 100% of the principal amount thereof) or by making an offer (in accordance with the procedures set forth below for an Asset Sale Offer) to all holders to purchase their Notes at 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus the amount of accrued but unpaid interest, if any, on the amount of Notes that would otherwise be prepaid; and/or

(c) to invest in, purchase or otherwise acquire Additional Assets, or to make payments (including without limitation prepayments and progress payments) in connection with such investment, purchase or other acquisition;

provided that in the case of clause (c), a binding commitment shall be treated as a permitted application of the Net Available Cash from the date of such commitment so long as the Company or such other Restricted Subsidiary enters into such commitment prior to the expiration of the Asset Proceeds Application Period with the good faith expectation that such Net Available Cash will be applied to satisfy such commitment no later than 180 days after the expiration of the Asset Proceeds Application Period (an Acceptable Commitment), it being understood that if an Acceptable Commitment is later cancelled or terminated for any reason before such Net Available Cash is applied, or such Net Available Cash is not applied within such period, then all such Net Available Cash not so applied shall constitute Excess Proceeds.

For the purposes of clause (3) above and for no other purpose, the following will be deemed to be cash:

(1) any liabilities (as shown on the Company's or such Restricted Subsidiary's most recent balance sheet) of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than liabilities that are by their terms subordinated to the Notes or the Subsidiary Guarantees) that are assumed by the transferee of any such Capital Stock, property or assets and from which the Company and all Restricted Subsidiaries have been validly released from further liability therefor;

(2) any securities, notes or other obligations received by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary from the transferee that are converted by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary into cash (to the extent of the cash received in such conversion) within 180 days following the closing of such Asset Sale; and

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(3) any Designated Noncash Consideration received by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in such Asset Sale having an aggregate fair market value (as determined in good faith by an Officer of the Company (as evidenced by an Officers Certificate)), taken together with all other Designated Noncash Consideration received pursuant to this clause (3) that is at that time outstanding, not to exceed the greater of (x) \$70.0 million and (y) 1.75% of Total Assets at the time of the receipt of such Designated Noncash Consideration (with the fair market value of each item of Designated Noncash Consideration being measured at the time received without giving effect to subsequent changes in value).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the 75% limitation referred to in the prior paragraph shall be deemed satisfied with respect to any Asset Sale in which the cash or Cash Equivalents portion of the consideration received therefrom, determined in accordance with the foregoing provision on an after-tax basis, was less than 75%, if the proceeds before tax would have complied with the aforementioned 75% limitation.

Any Net Available Cash from Asset Sales that is not applied (it being understood that an offer in respect of the Notes referred to in clause (4)(b) of the first paragraph of this covenant shall be deemed an application up to the amount of the offer so long as the Company repurchased any Notes tendered in such offer) or invested as provided in the preceding paragraph will be deemed to constitute Excess Proceeds. On the 367th day after the date of receipt of such Net Available Cash (or such later date upon which an applicable Acceptable Commitment is canceled or terminates or the applicable 180-day period with respect to an applicable Acceptable Commitment expires without full application of such Net Available Cash), if the aggregate amount of Excess Proceeds exceeds \$25.0 million, the Company will be required to make an offer (Asset Sale Offer) to all holders of Notes and to the extent required by the terms of other Pari Passu Indebtedness, to all holders of other Pari Passu Indebtedness outstanding with similar provisions requiring the Company to make an offer to purchase such Pari Passu Indebtedness with the proceeds from any Asset Sale, to purchase the maximum principal amount of Notes and any such Pari Passu Indebtedness to which the Asset Sale Offer applies that may be purchased out of the Excess Proceeds, at an offer price in cash in an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes and Pari Passu Indebtedness plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of purchase, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Indenture or the agreements governing the Pari Passu Indebtedness, as applicable, in each case in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and larger integral multiples of \$1,000. To the extent that the aggregate amount of Notes and Pari Passu Indebtedness so properly tendered and not withdrawn pursuant to an Asset Sale Offer is less than the Excess Proceeds, the Company may use any remaining Excess Proceeds for any purpose not prohibited by the Indenture. If the aggregate principal amount of Notes surrendered by holders thereof and other Pari Passu Indebtedness surrendered by holders or lenders, collectively, exceeds the amount of Excess Proceeds, the Trustee shall select the Notes subject to the applicable DTC procedures, and the trustee or agent for the Pari Passu Indebtedness shall select the Pari Passu Indebtedness, to be purchased on a pro rata basis on the basis of the aggregate principal amount of tendered Notes and Pari Passu Indebtedness.

Upon completion of such Asset Sale Offer, the amount of Excess Proceeds shall be reset at zero. Accordingly, to the extent that the aggregate amount of Notes and other Indebtedness tendered pursuant to an Asset Sale Offer is less than the aggregate amount of unapplied Excess Proceeds, the Company may use any remaining amount for the general corporate purposes of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries.

The Asset Sale Offer will remain open for a period of at least 20 Business Days following its commencement, except to the extent that a longer period is required by applicable law (the Asset Sale Offer Period). No later than five Business Days after the termination of the Asset Sale Offer Period (the Asset Sale Purchase Date), the Company will purchase the principal amount of Notes and Pari Passu Indebtedness required to be purchased pursuant to this covenant (the Asset Sale Offer Amount) or, if less than the Asset Sale Offer Amount has been so validly tendered, all Notes and Pari Passu Indebtedness validly tendered in response to the Asset Sale Offer.

If the Asset Sale Purchase Date is on or after an interest record date and on or before the related interest payment date, any accrued and unpaid interest will be paid to the Person in whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on such record date, and no Additional Interest will be payable to holders who tender Notes pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer.

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Pending the final application of any Net Available Cash pursuant to this covenant, the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries may temporarily apply such Net Available Cash to reduce Indebtedness or otherwise invest or use such Net Available Cash in any manner not prohibited by the Indenture.

On or before the Asset Sale Purchase Date, the Company will, to the extent lawful, accept for payment, on a pro rata basis to the extent necessary, the Asset Sale Offer Amount of Notes and Pari Passu Indebtedness or portions of Notes and Pari Passu Indebtedness so validly tendered and not properly withdrawn pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer, or if less than the Asset Sale Offer Amount has been validly tendered and not properly withdrawn, all Notes and Pari Passu Indebtedness so validly tendered and not properly withdrawn, in each case in integral multiples of \$1,000. The Company will deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that such Notes or portions thereof were accepted for payment by the Company in accordance with the terms of the related covenant set forth in the Indenture and, in addition, the Company will deliver all certificates and notes required, if any, by the agreements governing the Pari Passu Indebtedness. The Company or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, will promptly (but in any case not later than five Business Days after termination of the Asset Sale Offer Period) mail or deliver to each tendering holder of Notes an amount equal to the purchase price of the Notes so validly tendered and not properly withdrawn by such holder and accepted by the Company for purchase, and the Company will promptly issue a new Note, and the Trustee, upon delivery of an Officers' Certificate from the Company, will authenticate and mail or deliver by book entry such new Note to such holder, in a principal amount equal to any unpurchased portion of the Note surrendered; *provided* that each such new Note will be in a principal amount of \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. In addition, the Company will take any and all other actions required by the agreements governing the Pari Passu Indebtedness. Any Note not so accepted will be promptly mailed or delivered by book entry by the Company to the holder thereof. The Company will publicly announce the results of the Asset Sale Offer on the Asset Sale Purchase Date.

The Company will comply, to the extent applicable, with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws or regulations in connection with the repurchase of Notes pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with provisions of this covenant, the Company will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under the Indenture by virtue of such compliance.

The Senior Credit Facilities provide that certain asset dispositions would constitute a default thereunder. Future Indebtedness of the Company may contain similar restrictions. Moreover, the exercise by the holders of the Notes of their right to require the Company to repurchase the Notes could cause a default under such Indebtedness, even if the Asset Sale itself does not. In the event an Asset Sale occurs at a time when the Company is prohibited from purchasing Notes, the Company could seek the consent of its lenders to the purchase of Notes or could attempt to refinance the borrowings that contain such prohibition. If the Company does not obtain such a consent or repay such borrowings, the Company will remain prohibited from purchasing Notes. In such case, the Company's failure to purchase tendered Notes would constitute an Event of Default under the Indenture which would, in turn, constitute a default under such other agreements.

Certain Covenants

The Indenture contains certain covenants, including, among others, the covenants described below, that bind the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries.

Suspension of Covenants

Following the first day (the Suspension Date) that:

- (a) the Notes have an Investment Grade Rating from both of the Rating Agencies; and
- (b) no Default has occurred and is continuing under the Indenture;

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the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries will not be subject to the provisions of the Indenture summarized under the headings below:

Repurchase at the Option of Holders Sales of Assets and Subsidiary Stock,

Limitation on Indebtedness,

Limitation on Restricted Payments,

Limitation on Restrictions on Distributions from Restricted Subsidiaries,

Limitation on Affiliate Transactions, and

Clause (4) of Merger and Consolidation

(collectively, the Suspended Covenants). If at any time following a Suspension Date the Notes credit rating is downgraded from an Investment Grade Rating by any Rating Agency or if a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing (such date, the Reinstatement Date), then the Suspended Covenants will thereafter be reinstated as if such covenants had never been suspended and be applicable pursuant to the terms of the Indenture (including in connection with performing any calculation or assessment to determine compliance with the terms of the Indenture), unless and until a subsequent Suspension Date occurs (in which event the Suspended Covenants shall no longer be in effect until a subsequent Reinstatement Date occurs).

Notwithstanding the reinstatement of the Suspended Covenants upon a Reinstatement Date, no Default, Event of Default or breach of any kind shall be deemed to exist under the Indenture, the Notes or the Subsidiary Guarantees with respect to the Suspended Covenants based upon, and none of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries shall bear any liability for, any actions taken or events occurring during the Suspension Period (as defined below), or any actions taken at any time pursuant to any contractual obligation arising prior to the Reinstatement Date, regardless of whether such actions or events would have been permitted if the applicable Suspended Covenants remained in effect during such period. The period of time between Suspension Date and the Reinstatement Date is referred to as the Suspension Period.

On each Reinstatement Date, all Indebtedness Incurred during the applicable Suspension Period will be classified to have been Incurred pursuant to the first paragraph of Limitation on Indebtedness or one of the clauses set forth in the second paragraph of Limitation on Indebtedness (to the extent such Indebtedness would be permitted to be Incurred thereunder as of such Reinstatement Date and after giving effect to Indebtedness Incurred prior to the Suspension Period and outstanding on the Reinstatement Date). To the extent such Indebtedness would not be so permitted to be Incurred pursuant to the first or second paragraph of Limitation on Indebtedness, such Indebtedness will be deemed to have been outstanding on the Issue Date, so that it is classified as permitted under clause (3) of the second paragraph of Limitation on Indebtedness. Calculations made after each Reinstatement Date of the amount available to be made as Restricted Payments under Limitation on Restricted Payments will be made as though the covenants described under Limitation on Restricted Payments had been in effect since the Issue Date and throughout any and all

Suspension Periods. Accordingly, Restricted Payments made during a Suspension Period will reduce the amount available to be made as Restricted Payments under the first paragraph of Limitation on Restricted Payments to the extent required by such covenant. For purposes of determining compliance with the covenant described under Repurchase at the Option of Holders Sales of Assets and Subsidiary Stock, on the Reinstatement Date, the Net Available Cash from all Asset Sales not applied in accordance with such covenant will be deemed reset at zero. The Company will provide written notice to the Trustee of the occurrence of any Suspension Date or Reinstatement Date. The Trustee shall have no obligation to independently determine or verify if such events have occurred or notify the holders of the continuance and termination of any Suspension Period. The Trustee may provide a copy of such notice to any holder of Notes upon request.

During any period when the Suspended Covenants are suspended, the Company may not designate any of the Company's Subsidiaries as Unrestricted Subsidiaries pursuant to the Indenture unless such designation would

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have been allowed if the Suspended Covenants had been in effect at the time of such designation and throughout such period and applied to all activities of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries throughout such period.

See Risk Factors Risk Factors Relating to Our Indebtedness and the Notes The trading prices for the notes will be directly affected by many factors, including our credit rating.

Limitation on Indebtedness

The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, Incur any Indebtedness (including Acquired Indebtedness); *provided, however*, that the Company and any Restricted Subsidiary may Incur Indebtedness (including Acquired Indebtedness) if on the date of such Incurrence and after giving effect thereto on a pro forma basis the Consolidated Coverage Ratio for the Company is at least 2.00 to 1.00; *provided that* the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness that may be Incurred pursuant to the foregoing by Non-Guarantor Restricted Subsidiaries (including Indebtedness Incurred by Non-Guarantor Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to clauses (6)(ii) and (15) of the second paragraph of this covenant) shall not at any time exceed the greater of (x) \$150.0 million and (y) 4.00% of Total Assets) at any one time outstanding.

The first paragraph of this covenant will not prohibit the Incurrence of the following Indebtedness:

- (1) Indebtedness of the Company under one or more Credit Facilities in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the sum of: (A) \$1,100.0 million and (B) the greater of (i) \$750.0 million and (ii) the Borrowing Base;
- (2) Indebtedness represented by the Notes (including any Subsidiary Guarantee) (other than any Additional Notes) and any Exchange Notes (including any Subsidiary Guarantee thereof);
- (3) Indebtedness of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in existence on the Issue Date (other than Indebtedness described in clauses (1), (2), (4), (5), (7), (9) and (11));
- (4) Guarantees by the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness permitted to be Incurred by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture; *provided that* in the event such Indebtedness that is being Guaranteed is a Subordinated Obligation or a Guarantor Subordinated Obligation, then the related Guarantee shall be subordinated in right of payment to the Notes or the Subsidiary Guarantee, as the case may be;
- (5) Indebtedness of the Company owing to and held by any Restricted Subsidiary or Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary owing to and held by the Company or any other Restricted Subsidiary; *provided, however*,
 - (a) if the Company is the obligor on Indebtedness owing to a Non-Guarantor Restricted Subsidiary, such Indebtedness is expressly subordinated to the prior payment in full in cash of all obligations with respect to the Notes;
 - (b) if a Subsidiary Guarantor is the obligor on Indebtedness owing to a Non-Guarantor Restricted Subsidiary, such Indebtedness is subordinated in right of payment to the Subsidiary Guarantees of such Subsidiary Guarantor; and
 - (c)(i) any subsequent issuance or transfer of Capital Stock or other event that results in any such Indebtedness being beneficially held by a Person other than the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company; and
 - (ii) any sale or other transfer of any such indebtedness to a Person other than the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company,

will be deemed, in each case, to constitute an Incurrence of such indebtedness by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be;

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(6)(i) Indebtedness of Persons Incurred and outstanding on the date on which such Person became a Restricted Subsidiary or was acquired by, or merged into, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than Indebtedness Incurred by such Person (a) to provide all or any portion of the funds utilized to consummate the transaction or series of related transactions pursuant to which such Restricted Subsidiary became a Restricted Subsidiary or was otherwise acquired by the Company or (b) otherwise either in connection with, or in contemplation of, such acquisition), and (ii) Indebtedness Incurred by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary to finance an acquisition (*provided* that the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Indebtedness of Non-Guarantor Restricted Subsidiaries permitted by this clause (6)(ii) (including Indebtedness Incurred by Non-Guarantor Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to the first paragraph of this covenant and clause (15) of this second paragraph) shall not at any time exceed the greater of (x) \$150.0 million and (y) 4.00% of Total Assets); *provided, however*, that, with respect to subclause (i) above, at the time such Person is acquired or, with respect to subclause (ii) above, after giving *pro forma* effect to the acquisition and such Incurrence, at the time such Indebtedness is Incurred, either:

(a) the Company would have been able to Incur \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the first paragraph of this covenant after giving *pro forma* effect to such acquisition and the Incurrence of such Indebtedness pursuant to this clause (6); or

(b) the Consolidated Coverage Ratio for the Company is at least equal to the Consolidated Coverage Ratio immediately prior to such acquisition or merger;

(7) Indebtedness under Hedging Obligations that are Incurred in the ordinary course of business (and not for speculative purposes);

(8) Indebtedness (including Capitalized Lease Obligations, Attributable Indebtedness, mortgage financings or purchase money obligations) of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary Incurred to finance any part of the purchase price for, or the cost of design, lease, construction, repair, maintenance, installation or improvement of, any property (real or personal), plant or equipment used or to be used in the business of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary (or the Capital Stock of any Person owning any such property, plant or equipment (but no other material assets other than cash or cash equivalents)) and any Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary that serves to refund, refinance, replace, exchange, renew, repay or extend any Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to this clause (8), in principal amount not to exceed the greater of (x) \$125.0 million and (y) 3.25% of Total Assets in the aggregate at any one time outstanding together with all other Indebtedness issued under this clause (8) then outstanding;

(9) Indebtedness consisting of trade obligations or accrued current liabilities for services rendered to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, in each case, arising in the ordinary course of business;

(10) Indebtedness arising from agreements of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary providing for indemnification, adjustment of purchase price or similar obligations, in each case, Incurred or assumed in connection with the acquisition of, or other Investments in, and the disposition of, any business, property or assets of the Company or any business, property, assets or Capital Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary, other than Guarantees of Indebtedness Incurred by any Person acquiring all or any portion of such business, property, assets or a Subsidiary for the purpose of financing such acquisition;

(11)(a) Indebtedness arising from the honoring by a bank or other financial institution of a check, draft or similar instrument drawn against insufficient funds in the ordinary course of business, *provided, however*, that such Indebtedness is extinguished, refinanced or otherwise covered within ten Business Days of Incurrence or

(b) Indebtedness owed on a short-term basis of no longer than 30 days to banks or financial institutions Incurred in the ordinary course of business that arise from treasury, depository and cash management services or in connection with

any automated clearinghouse transfers of funds;

(12) the Incurrence or issuance by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of Refinancing Indebtedness that serves to refund, refinance, replace, exchange, renew, repay or extend any Indebtedness Incurred as permitted under the first paragraph of this covenant and clauses (2), (3), (6) and this clause (12) or any Indebtedness issued to so refund, refinance, replace, exchange, renew, repay or extend such Indebtedness,

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including additional Indebtedness Incurred to pay premiums (including reasonable, as determined in good faith by the Company, tender premiums), defeasance costs, accrued interest and fees and expenses in connection therewith prior to its respective maturity;

(13) shares of Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary issued to the Company or another Restricted Subsidiary; *provided* that any subsequent issuance or transfer of any Capital Stock or any other event that results in any such Restricted Subsidiary ceasing to be a Restricted Subsidiary or any other subsequent transfer of any such shares of Preferred Stock (except to the Company or another of its Restricted Subsidiaries) shall be deemed in each case to be an issuance of such shares of Preferred Stock not permitted by this clause (13);

(14) Indebtedness to the extent that the net proceeds thereof are promptly deposited to defease or to satisfy and discharge the Notes; and

(15) in addition to the items referred to in clauses (1) through (14) above, Indebtedness of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in an aggregate outstanding principal amount that, when taken together with the principal amount of all other Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to this clause (15) and then outstanding, will not exceed the greater of (x) \$175.0 million and (y) 4.50% of Total Assets; *provided* that the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Indebtedness of Non-Guarantor Restricted Subsidiaries permitted by this clause (15) (including Indebtedness Incurred by Non-Guarantor Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to the first paragraph of this covenant and clause (6)(ii) of this second paragraph) shall not at any time exceed the greater of (x) \$150.0 million and (y) 4.00% of Total Assets.

For purposes of determining compliance with, and the outstanding principal amount of any particular Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to and in compliance with, this covenant:

(1) in the event that an item of Indebtedness meets the criteria of more than one of the types of Indebtedness described in the first and second paragraphs of this covenant, the Company, in its sole discretion, will divide and classify such item of Indebtedness on the date of Incurrence and may later divide and reclassify such item of Indebtedness in any manner that complies with this covenant and only be required to include the amount and type of such Indebtedness in one of such clauses;

(2) Guarantees of, or obligations in respect of letters of credit relating to, Indebtedness that is otherwise included in the determination of a particular amount of Indebtedness shall not be included;

(3) if obligations in respect of letters of credit are Incurred pursuant to a Credit Facility and are being treated as Incurred pursuant to clause (1) of the second paragraph above and the letters of credit relate to other Indebtedness, then such other Indebtedness shall not be included;

(4) the principal amount of any Disqualified Stock of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, or Preferred Stock of a Non-Guarantor Restricted Subsidiary, will be deemed to be equal to the greater of the maximum mandatory redemption or repurchase price (not including, in either case, any redemption or repurchase premium) and the liquidation preference thereof, exclusive of any accrued dividends;

(5) Indebtedness permitted by this covenant need not be permitted solely by reference to one provision permitting such Indebtedness but may be permitted in part by one such provision and in part by one or more other provisions of this covenant permitting such Indebtedness;

(6) the principal amount of any Indebtedness outstanding in connection with a securitization transaction or series of securitization transactions is the amount of obligations outstanding under the legal documents entered into as part of

such transaction that would be characterized as principal if such transaction were structured as a secured lending transaction rather than as a purchase relating to such transaction; and

(7) the amount of Indebtedness issued at a price that is less than the principal amount thereof will be equal to the amount of the liability in respect thereof determined in accordance with GAAP.

Accrual of interest, accrual of dividends, the accretion of accreted value or original issue discount, the amortization of debt discount, the payment of interest in the form of additional Indebtedness and the payment of

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dividends in the form of additional shares of Preferred Stock or Disqualified Stock will not be deemed to be an Incurrence of Indebtedness for purposes of this covenant. The amount of any Indebtedness outstanding as of any date shall be (i) the accreted value thereof in the case of any Indebtedness issued with original issue discount or the aggregate principal amount outstanding in the case of Indebtedness issued with interest payable in kind and (ii) the principal amount or liquidation preference thereof in the case of any other Indebtedness.

If at any time an Unrestricted Subsidiary becomes a Restricted Subsidiary, any Indebtedness of such Subsidiary shall be deemed to be Incurred by such Restricted Subsidiary as of such date (and, if such Indebtedness is not permitted to be Incurred as of such date under this Limitation on Indebtedness covenant, the Company shall be in Default of this covenant).

For purposes of determining compliance with any U.S. dollar-denominated restriction on the Incurrence of Indebtedness, the U.S. dollar-equivalent principal amount of Indebtedness denominated in a foreign currency shall be calculated based upon the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date such Indebtedness was Incurred, in the case of term Indebtedness, or first committed, in the case of revolving credit Indebtedness; *provided* that if such Indebtedness is Incurred to refinance other Indebtedness denominated in a foreign currency, and such refinancing would cause the applicable U.S. dollar-denominated restriction to be exceeded if calculated at the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date of such refinancing, such U.S. dollar-denominated restriction shall be deemed not to have been exceeded so long as the principal amount of such Refinancing Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount of such Indebtedness being refinanced. Notwithstanding any other provision of this covenant, the maximum amount of Indebtedness that the Company may incur pursuant to this covenant shall not be deemed to be exceeded solely as a result of fluctuations in the exchange rate of currencies. The principal amount of any Indebtedness Incurred to refinance other indebtedness, if Incurred in a different currency from the Indebtedness being refinanced, shall be calculated based upon the currency exchange rate applicable to the currencies in which such Refinancing Indebtedness is denominated that is in effect on the date of such refinancing.

Limitation on Restricted Payments

The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, directly or indirectly, to:

(1) declare or pay any dividend or make any distribution (whether made in cash, securities or other assets or property) on or in respect of its Capital Stock (including any payment in connection with any merger or consolidation involving the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) other than:

(a) dividends or distributions payable solely in Capital Stock of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock); and

(b) dividends or distributions by a Restricted Subsidiary payable to the Company or another Restricted Subsidiary (and if such Restricted Subsidiary is not a Wholly Owned Subsidiary, to its other holders of the relevant class of Capital Stock on a pro rata basis, subject to any tax-related adjustment as set forth in its charter or similar documents or agreements binding on such Restricted Subsidiary);

(2) purchase, redeem, retire or otherwise acquire for value any Capital Stock of the Company or any direct or indirect parent of the Company held by Persons other than the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary (other than in exchange for Capital Stock of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock));

(3) make any principal payment on, or purchase, repurchase, redeem, defease or otherwise acquire or retire for value, prior to any scheduled maturity, scheduled repayment or scheduled sinking fund payment or any Subordinated Obligations or Guarantor Subordinated Obligations, other than:

(a) Indebtedness permitted under clause (5) of the second paragraph of the covenant Limitation on Indebtedness ; or

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(b) the purchase, repurchase, redemption, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement of Subordinated Obligations or Guarantor Subordinated Obligations purchased in anticipation of satisfying a sinking fund obligation, principal installment or final maturity, in each case due within one year of the date of purchase, repurchase, redemption, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement); or

(4) make any Restricted Investment;

(all such payments and other actions referred to in clauses (1) through (4) (other than any exception thereto) shall be referred to as a Restricted Payment), unless, at the time of and after giving effect to such Restricted Payment:

(a) no Default has occurred and is continuing (or would result therefrom);

(b) immediately after giving effect to such Restricted Payment on a pro forma basis, the Company would be able to Incur \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness under the provisions of the first paragraph of the Limitation on Indebtedness covenant; and

(c) the aggregate amount of such Restricted Payment and all other Restricted Payments declared or made subsequent to the Issue Date (excluding Restricted Payments made pursuant to clauses (1), (2), (3), (4), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13) and (14) of the next succeeding paragraph) would not exceed the sum of (without duplication):

(i) 50% of the Company's Consolidated Net Income for the period (treated as one accounting period) from January 1, 2014 to the end of the Company's most recent fiscal quarter ending prior to the date of such Restricted Payment for which financial statements prepared on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP are available;

(ii) 100% of the aggregate Net Cash Proceeds and the fair market value, as determined in good faith by an Officer of the Company (as evidenced by an Officers' Certificate), of marketable securities or other property received by the Company since the Issue Date from the issue or sale of its Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) or as a capital contribution, other than:

(A) Net Cash Proceeds received from an issuance or sale of such Capital Stock to a Subsidiary of the Company or to an employee stock ownership plan, option plan or similar trust (to the extent such sale to an employee stock ownership plan or similar trust is financed by loans from or Guaranteed by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary unless such loans have been repaid with cash on or prior to the date of determination);

(B) Net Cash Proceeds received by the Company from the issue and sale of its Capital Stock or capital contributions to the extent applied to redeem Notes in compliance with the provisions set forth under the second paragraph of the caption Optional Redemption ; and

(C) Excluded contributions;

(iii) 100% of any cash dividends or cash distributions received directly or indirectly by the Company or a Subsidiary Guarantor after the Issue Date from an Unrestricted Subsidiary, to the extent that such dividends or distributions were not otherwise included in Consolidated Net Income and the Investment in such Unrestricted Subsidiary at the time it was designated as such was included in the calculation of Restricted Payments;

(iv) the amount by which Indebtedness (other than Subordinated Obligations or Guarantor Subordinated Obligations) of the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries is reduced on the Company's consolidated balance sheet upon the conversion or exchange subsequent to the Issue Date of any Indebtedness of the Company or its Restricted

Subsidiaries (other than debt owing to and held by a Subsidiary of the Company) convertible or exchangeable for Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company (less the amount of any cash, or the fair market value of any other property, distributed by the Company upon such conversion or exchange); and

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(v) the amount equal to the net reduction in Restricted Investments made by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in any Person resulting from:

(A) repurchases or redemptions of such Restricted Investments by such Person, proceeds realized upon the sale of such Restricted Investment to an unaffiliated purchaser, or repayments of loans or advances or other transfers of property or assets (including by way of dividend or distribution) by such Person to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than for reimbursement of tax payments);

(B) the release of any Guarantee (except to the extent any amounts are paid under such Guarantee); or

(C) the redesignation of Unrestricted Subsidiaries as Restricted Subsidiaries or the merger or consolidation of an Unrestricted Subsidiary with and into the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (valued in each case as provided in the definition of Investment) not to exceed the amount of Investments previously made by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in such Unrestricted Subsidiary,

which amount in each case under this clause (v) was included in the calculation of the amount of Restricted Payments; *provided, however*, that no amount will be included under this clause (v) to the extent it is already included in Consolidated Net Income.

The provisions of the preceding paragraph will not prohibit:

(1) a Restricted Payment made with Excluded Contributions;

(2) any purchase, repurchase, redemption, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement of Subordinated Obligations of the Company or Guarantor Subordinated Obligations of any Subsidiary Guarantor made within 90 days after and by exchange for, or out of the proceeds of, the sale of, Subordinated Obligations of the Company or any purchase, repurchase, redemption, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement of Guarantor Subordinated Obligations made within 90 days after and by exchange for, or out of the proceeds of, the sale of Guarantor Subordinated Obligations so long as such refinancing Subordinated Obligations or Guarantor Subordinated Obligations are permitted to be Incurred pursuant to the covenant described under Limitation on Indebtedness and constitute Refinancing Indebtedness;

(3) any purchase, repurchase, redemption, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement of Disqualified Stock of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary made by exchange for, or out of the proceeds of, the substantially concurrent sale of Disqualified Stock of the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, so long as such refinancing Disqualified Stock is permitted to be Incurred pursuant to the covenant described under Limitation on Indebtedness and constitutes Refinancing Indebtedness;

(4) the purchase, repurchase, redemption, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement for value of any Subordinated Obligation (a) at a purchase price not greater than 101% of the principal amount of such Subordinated Obligation in the event of a Change of Control in accordance with provisions similar to the Repurchase at the Option of Holders Change of Control covenant or (b) at a purchase price not greater than 100% of the principal amount thereof in accordance with provisions similar to the Repurchase at the Option of Holders Sales of Assets and Subsidiary Stock covenant; *provided* that, prior to or simultaneously with such purchase, repurchase, redemption, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement, the Company has made the Change of Control Offer or Asset Sale Offer, as applicable, as provided in such covenant with respect to the Notes and has completed the repurchase or redemption of all Notes validly tendered for payment in connection with such Change of Control Offer or Asset Sale Offer;

(5) the payment of any dividend or distribution, or the consummation of any irrevocable redemption, within 60 days after the date of declaration of the dividend or distribution or giving of the redemption notice, as the case may be, if at such date of declaration or redemption notice such dividend, distribution or redemption, as the case may be, would have complied with this provision;

(6) the purchase, redemption or other acquisition, cancellation or retirement for value of Capital Stock of the Company held by any existing or former employees, officers, directors, management or consultants of the

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Company or any Subsidiary of the Company or their assigns, estates or heirs, in each case in connection with the repurchase provisions under employee stock option or stock purchase agreements or other agreements to compensate employees, officers, directors, management or consultants entered into in the ordinary course of business or approved by the Board of Directors of the Company; *provided* that such Capital Stock was received for services related to, or for the benefit of, the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries; and *provided, further*, that such redemptions or repurchases pursuant to this clause will not exceed \$5.0 million in the aggregate during any fiscal year (with unused amounts in any fiscal year being carried over to succeeding fiscal years), although such amount in any fiscal year may be increased by an amount not to exceed:

(a) the Net Cash Proceeds from the sale of Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company and, to the extent contributed to the Company, Capital Stock of any of the Company's direct or indirect parent companies, in each case to existing or former employees, officers, directors, management or consultants of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company that occurs after the Issue Date, to the extent the cash proceeds from the sale of such Capital Stock have not otherwise been applied to the payment of Restricted Payments (*provided* that the amount of Net Cash Proceeds from such sales or contributions that is utilized for redemptions or repurchases pursuant to this clause (6) will be excluded from clause (c)(ii) of the preceding paragraph); *plus*

(b) the cash proceeds of key man life insurance policies received by the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries after the Issue Date; *less*

(c) the amount of any Restricted Payments previously made with the cash proceeds described in the clauses (a) and (b) of this clause (6);

(7) the declaration and payment of dividends or distributions to holders of any class or series of Disqualified Stock of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries Incurred in accordance with the covenant described under
Limitation on Indebtedness ;

(8) the purchase, redemption or other acquisition, cancellation or retirement of Capital Stock (a) deemed to occur upon the exercise or exchange of options, warrants, other rights to purchase or acquire Capital Stock or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for Capital Stock if such Capital Stock represents a portion of the exercise or exchange price thereof, or (b) made in lieu of withholding taxes resulting from the exercise or exchange of options, warrants, other rights to purchase or acquire Capital Stock or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for Capital Stock;

(9) any payments made in connection with the Refinancing Transactions;

(10) the distribution, by dividend or otherwise, of shares of Capital Stock of Unrestricted Subsidiaries to the extent the Investments in such Unrestricted Subsidiaries were Restricted Investments;

(11) other Restricted Payments in an aggregate amount, which, when taken together with all other Restricted Payments made pursuant to this clause (11) (as reduced by the amount of capital repaid or otherwise returned from any such Restricted Payments that constituted Restricted Investments in the form of cash and Cash Equivalents (exclusive of items reflected in Consolidated Net Income)) not to exceed the greater of (x) \$175.0 million and (y) 4.50% of Total Assets;

(12) payments in lieu of the issuance of fractional shares in connection with the exercise or exchange of options, warrants, other rights to purchase or acquire Capital Stock or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for Capital Stock and repurchases of Capital Stock deemed to occur upon the exercise of stock options, warrants, other

rights to purchase Capital Stock or other convertible securities if such Capital Stock represents a portion of the exercise price thereof;

(13) the purchase, redemption, acquisition, cancellation or other retirement of any Capital Stock of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary to the extent necessary, in the good faith judgment of the Company, to prevent the loss or secure the renewal or reinstatement of any license, permit or other authorization held by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries issued by any governmental or regulatory authority or to comply with government contracting regulations; and

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(14) the payment of a dividend on common stock of the Company of up to \$30.0 million in any calendar year (with unused amounts in any calendar year being carried over to succeeding fiscal years but subject to a maximum of \$60.0 million in any calendar year)

provided, however, that at the time of and after giving effect to, any Restricted Payment permitted under clauses (6), (10), (11) and (14), no Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a consequence thereof.

The amount of all Restricted Payments (other than cash) will be the fair market value on the date such Restricted Payment is made of the assets, securities or other property proposed to be declared, paid, made, purchased, redeemed, retired, defeased or acquired pursuant to such Restricted Payment. The fair market value of any cash Restricted Payment shall be its face amount. With respect to any non-cash Restricted Payment in excess of \$50.0 million, such fair market value shall be determined by an Officer of the Company (as evidenced by an Officers Certificate).

As of the Issue Date, all of the Company's Subsidiaries (other than Cornerstone, the Specified Joint Ventures and Excluded Partnerships that are Subsidiaries) will be Restricted Subsidiaries. The Company will not permit any Unrestricted Subsidiary to become a Restricted Subsidiary except pursuant to the last sentence of the definition of Unrestricted Subsidiary. For purposes of designating any Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, all outstanding Investments by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries (except to the extent repaid) in the Subsidiary so designated will be deemed to be Restricted Payments and/or Permitted Investments in an amount determined as set forth in the definition of Investment. Such designation will be permitted only if a Restricted Payment and/or Permitted Investment in such amount would be permitted at such time and if such Subsidiary otherwise meets the definition of an Unrestricted Subsidiary. Unrestricted Subsidiaries will not be subject to any of the restrictive covenants set forth in the Indenture.

Limitation on Liens

The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create or incur any Lien securing Indebtedness (other than Permitted Liens) upon any of its property or assets (including Capital Stock of Subsidiaries), or income or profits therefrom, or assign or convey any right to receive income therefrom, whether owned on the Issue Date or acquired after that date, which Lien is securing any Indebtedness, unless contemporaneously with the Incurrence of such Liens:

(1) in the case of Liens securing Subordinated Obligations or Guarantor Subordinated Obligations, the Notes and related Subsidiary Guarantees are secured by a Lien on such property, assets or proceeds that is senior to such Liens; or

(2) in all other cases, the Notes and related Subsidiary Guarantees are equally and ratably secured or are secured by a Lien on such property, assets or proceeds that is senior in priority to such Liens.

Any Lien created for the benefit of holders of the Notes on any property or assets pursuant to this covenant shall be automatically and unconditionally released and discharged upon the release and discharge of each of the Liens on such property or assets described in clauses (1) and (2) above.

Limitation on Restrictions on Distributions from Restricted Subsidiaries

The Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, create or otherwise cause or permit to exist or become effective any consensual encumbrance or consensual restriction on the ability of any Restricted Subsidiary to:

(1) pay dividends or make any other distributions on its Capital Stock to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, or with respect to any other interest or participation in, or measured by, its profits,

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or pay any Indebtedness or other obligations owed to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (it being understood that the priority of any Preferred Stock in receiving dividends or liquidating distributions prior to dividends or liquidating distributions being paid on Common Stock shall not be deemed a restriction on the ability to make distributions on Capital Stock);

(2) make any loans or advances to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (it being understood that the subordination of loans or advances made to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary to other Indebtedness Incurred by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary shall not be deemed a restriction on the ability to make loans or advances); or

(3) sell, lease or transfer any of its property or assets to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (it being understood that such transfers shall not include any type of transfer described in clause (1) or (2) above).

The preceding provisions will not prohibit encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of:

(a) the Senior Credit Facilities, the Master Lease Agreements, or any other agreement or instrument in effect at or entered into on the Issue Date;

(b) the Indenture, the Notes, the Exchange Notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees;

(c) any agreement or other instrument of a Person acquired by or merged or consolidated with or into the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in existence at the time of such acquisition, merger or consolidation (but not created in contemplation thereof), which encumbrance or restriction is not applicable to any Person, or the property or assets of any Person, other than the Person and its Subsidiaries, or the property or assets of the Person and its Subsidiaries, so acquired (including after-acquired property and assets);

(d) any amendment, restatement, modification, renewal, supplement, extension, refunding, replacement or refinancing of an agreement referred to in clauses (a), (b), (c) or this clause (d); *provided, however*, that the encumbrances or restrictions contained in such amendment, restatement, modification, renewal, supplement, extension, refunding, replacement or refinancing is, in the good faith judgment of the Company, not materially more restrictive, when taken as a whole, than the encumbrances and restrictions contained in any of the agreements or instruments referred to in clauses (a), (b) or (c) of this paragraph on the Issue Date or the date such Restricted Subsidiary became a Restricted Subsidiary or was merged or consolidated with or into the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, whichever is applicable;

(e) in the case of clause (3) of the first paragraph of this covenant, Permitted Liens or Liens otherwise permitted to be Incurred under the provisions of the covenant described under Limitation on Liens that limit the right of the debtor to dispose of property or assets subject to such Liens;

(f) purchase money obligations, mortgage financings, Capitalized Lease Obligations and similar obligations or agreements permitted under the Indenture, in each case, that impose encumbrances or restrictions of the nature described in clause (3) of the first paragraph of this covenant with respect to the property or assets acquired, financed, designed, leased, constructed, repaired, maintained, installed or improved in connection therewith or thereby (including any proceeds thereof, accessions thereto and any upgrades or improvements thereto);

(g) agreements for the sale, transfer or other disposition of property or assets, including without limitation customary restrictions with respect to a Subsidiary of the Company pursuant to an agreement that has been entered into for the sale, transfer or other disposition of all or a portion of the Capital Stock, property or assets of such Subsidiary;

(h) restrictions on cash, Cash Equivalents or other deposits or net worth imposed by customers, suppliers or landlords under contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business or as required by insurance surety or bonding companies;

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(i) any customary provisions in joint venture agreements, partnership agreements, LLC agreements and other similar agreements, which, as determined in good faith by an Officer of the Company, do not adversely affect the Company's ability to make payments of principal or interest payments on the Notes when due;

(j) any customary provisions in leases, subleases, licenses, asset sale agreements, sale/leaseback agreements or stock sale agreements and other agreements entered into by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary entered into in the ordinary course of business;

(k) applicable law or any applicable rule, regulation or order, or any license, permit or other authorization issued by any governmental or regulatory authority; or

(l) (i) Credit Facilities or other debt arrangements Incurred by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, or Preferred Stock issued by any Restricted Subsidiary, in accordance with Limitation on Indebtedness, that are not materially more restrictive, when taken as a whole, than those applicable in either the Indenture or the Senior Credit Facilities on the Issue Date or (ii) any encumbrance so long as, in the good faith judgment of the Company, such encumbrance will not impact its ability to pay the obligations of the Company as they come due.

Limitation on Affiliate Transactions

The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, enter into or conduct any transaction (including the purchase, sale, lease or exchange of any property or the rendering of any service) with any Affiliate of the Company (an Affiliate Transaction) involving payments or consideration in excess of \$5.0 million unless:

(1) the terms of such Affiliate Transaction are not materially less favorable to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, when taken as a whole, than those that would have been obtained in a comparable transaction at the time of such transaction on an arm's-length basis with a Person who is not an Affiliate; and

(2) in the event such Affiliate Transaction involves an aggregate consideration in excess of \$25.0 million, the terms of such transaction have been approved by a majority of the disinterested members of the Board of Directors of the Company and the Board of the Directors of the Company shall have determined in good faith that such Affiliate Transaction satisfies the criteria in clause (1) above.

The preceding paragraph will not apply to:

(1) any transaction between or among the Company and one or more Restricted Subsidiaries or between or among any Restricted Subsidiaries and any Guarantees issued by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary for the benefit of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, in accordance with Limitation on Indebtedness ;

(2) any Restricted Payment permitted to be made pursuant to the covenant described under Limitation on Restricted Payments or any Permitted Investment;

(3) any employment, consulting, service or termination agreement, or indemnification arrangement, entered into by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary with a current or former director, officer or employee of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary; the payment of compensation or expense reimbursement to any current or former director, officer or employee of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary (including amounts paid pursuant to employee benefit, employee stock option or similar plans); or any issuance of securities, or other payments, awards or grants in cash, securities or otherwise pursuant to, or the funding of, employment agreements and other compensation arrangements,

options to purchase Capital Stock of the Company, restricted stock plans, restricted stock unit plans, long-term incentive plans, stock appreciation rights plans, participation plans or similar employee benefits plans and/or indemnity provided on behalf of directors, officers and employees of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary (a) approved by the Board of Directors of

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the Company or by the shareholders of the Company in accordance with such voting requirements as may be applicable, (b) immaterial in amount or (c) maintained, entered into or adopted in the ordinary course of business of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary;

(4) the payment of reasonable fees and expense reimbursements to current or former directors of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary;

(5) loans or advances to employees, officers or directors of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices, in an aggregate amount not in excess of \$5.0 million outstanding at any time;

(6) any agreement as in effect as of the Issue Date, as such agreement may be amended, modified, supplemented, extended or renewed from time to time, so long as any such amendment, modification, supplement, extension or renewal, when taken as a whole, is not materially more disadvantageous to the holders in the reasonable determination of an Officer of the Company;

(7) any agreement between any Person and an Affiliate of such Person existing at the time such Person is acquired by or merged or consolidated with or into the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, as such agreement may be amended, modified, supplemented, extended or renewed from time to time; *provided* that such agreement was not entered in contemplation of such acquisition, merger or consolidation, and so long as any such amendment, modification, supplement, extension or renewal, when taken as a whole, is not materially more disadvantageous to the holders, in the reasonable determination of an Officer of the Company, than the applicable agreement as in effect on the date immediately prior to such amendment, modification, supplement, extension or renewal, as applicable;

(8) transactions with customers, clients, suppliers, joint venture partners or purchasers or sellers of goods or services, in each case in the ordinary course of the business of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries and otherwise in compliance with the terms of the Indenture; *provided* that in the reasonable determination of an Officer of the Company, such transactions are on terms that are not materially less favorable, when taken as a whole, to the Company or the relevant Restricted Subsidiary than those that would have been obtained in a comparable transaction by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary with an unrelated Person;

(9) any issuance or sale of Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) to Affiliates of the Company and the granting of registration and other customary rights with respect thereto;

(10) transactions in which the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary delivers to the Trustee a letter or opinion from an Independent Financial Advisor stating that such transaction is fair to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary from a financial point of view or stating that the terms are not materially less favorable, when taken as a whole, than those that might reasonably have been obtained by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary in a comparable transaction at such time on an arms-length basis from a Person that is not an Affiliate;

(11) the Refinancing Transactions and the payment of all fees and expenses related to the Refinancing Transactions;

(12) transactions with Cornerstone substantially consistent, taken as a whole, with past practice (including without limitation, the extension of lines of insurance coverage);

(13) payments of principal, interest and premium by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary on any of its Indebtedness held by an Affiliate if the terms of such Indebtedness are substantially as favorable to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary as the terms which could have been obtained at the time of the creation of such

Indebtedness from a lender which was not an Affiliate; and

(14) any transaction with a Person (other than an Unrestricted Subsidiary) that is an Affiliate solely because the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company holds an equity interest in or otherwise controls such Person.

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SEC Reports

Notwithstanding that the Company is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act or is otherwise required to report on an annual and quarterly basis on forms provided for such annual and quarterly reporting pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC, so long as the Notes are outstanding (unless defeased in a legal defeasance), the Company will (a) file with the SEC (unless the SEC will not accept such filing), and (b) make available to the Trustee and, upon written request, the registered holders of the Notes, without cost to any holder, from and after the Issue Date:

- (1) within the time periods specified by the Exchange Act (including all applicable extension periods), an annual report on Form 10-K (or any successor or comparable form) containing the information required to be contained therein (or required in such successor or comparable form);
- (2) within the time periods specified by the Exchange Act (including all applicable extension periods), a quarterly report on Form 10-Q (or any successor or comparable form); and
- (3) all current reports that would be required to be filed with the SEC on Form 8-K (or any successor or comparable form).

In the event that the Company is not permitted to file such reports with the SEC pursuant to the Exchange Act, the Company will nevertheless make available such Exchange Act reports to the Trustee and the holders of the Notes as if the Company were subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (including Regulation S-X, other than the reporting requirements under Rule 3-10 and 3-16 of Regulation S-X) within the time periods specified by the Exchange Act (including all applicable extension periods), which requirement may be satisfied by posting such reports on its website within the time periods specified by this covenant.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) the availability of the reports referred to in paragraphs (1) through (3) above on the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval (*EDGAR*) system (or any successor system, including the SEC's Interactive Data Electronic Application system) and the Company's website within the time periods specified above will be deemed to satisfy the above delivery obligation and (ii) prior to the filing of a registration statement for the notes pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, the Company shall not be required to prepare or file any financial statements or other information or disclosure required pursuant to Rule 3-10 or 3-16 of Regulation S-X (or any successor provision) under the Exchange Act.

If the Company has designated any of its Subsidiaries as Unrestricted Subsidiaries, and the Unrestricted Subsidiaries taken together would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, then the quarterly and annual financial information required by this covenant shall include a report summarizing the amount of revenues, EBITDA and long-term debt with respect to such Unrestricted Subsidiaries.

In addition, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors have agreed that they will make available to the holders and to prospective investors, upon the request of such holders, the information required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act so long as the Notes are not freely transferable under the Securities Act. For purposes of this covenant, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors will be deemed to have furnished the reports to the Trustee and the holders of Notes as required by this covenant if it has filed such reports with the SEC via the EDGAR filing system and such reports are publicly available. Delivery of reports, information and documents to the Trustee is for informational purposes only and its receipt of such reports shall not constitute constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including our compliance with any of our covenants under the Indenture or the Notes (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on Officers

Certificates). The Trustee shall not be obligated to monitor or confirm, on a continuing basis or otherwise, our compliance with the covenants or with respect to any reports or other documents filed with the SEC or EDGAR or any website under the Indenture.

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Merger and Consolidation

The Company will not consolidate with or merge with or into or wind up into (whether or not the Company is the surviving corporation), or sell, assign, convey, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the properties and assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, in one or more related transactions, to any Person *unless*:

(1) the resulting, surviving or transferee Person (the *Successor Company*) is the Company or will be a corporation, limited liability company or partnership organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, any State of the United States, the District of Columbia or any territory of the United States; *provided* that if such Person is not a corporation, such Person will immediately cause a Subsidiary that is a corporation to be added as a co-issuer of the Notes under the Indenture;

(2) the Successor Company (if other than the Company) assumes all of the obligations of the Company under the Notes and the Indenture pursuant to a supplemental indenture or other documentation or instruments in forms reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee and assumes by written agreement all of the obligations of the Company, if applicable, under the Registration Rights Agreement;

(3) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing;

(4) immediately after giving *pro forma* effect to such transaction and any related financing transactions, as if such transactions had occurred at the beginning of the applicable four fiscal-quarter period,

(a) the Successor Company would be able to Incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the first paragraph of the *Limitation on Indebtedness* covenant, or

(b) the Consolidated Coverage Ratio for the Successor Company would be equal to or greater than such ratio for the Company immediately prior to such transaction;

(5) each Subsidiary Guarantor (unless it is the other party to the transactions above, in which case clause (1) shall apply) shall have confirmed in writing to the Trustee that its Subsidiary Guarantee shall apply to such Person's obligations in respect of the Indenture and the Notes and, if applicable, that its obligations under the Registration Rights Agreement shall continue to be in effect; and

(6) the Successor Company delivers to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger or transfer and the supplemental indenture referenced in clause (2) comply with the Indenture.

Notwithstanding the preceding clauses (3) and (4),

(1) any Restricted Subsidiary may consolidate with, merge with or into or transfer all or part of its properties and assets to the Company or a Subsidiary Guarantor so long as no Capital Stock of the Restricted Subsidiary is distributed to any Person other than the Company or such Subsidiary Guarantor, and

(2) the Company may merge with an Affiliate of the Company solely for the purpose of reincorporating the Company in another jurisdiction.

In addition, the Company will not permit any Subsidiary Guarantor to consolidate with or merge with or into or wind up into (whether or not the Subsidiary Guarantor is the surviving corporation), or sell, assign, convey, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its properties and assets to any Person (other than to the Company or another Subsidiary Guarantor) *unless*:

(1)(a) if such entity remains a Subsidiary Guarantor, the resulting, surviving or transferee Person (the Successor Guarantor) will be a corporation, partnership, trust or limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, any State of the United States, the District of Columbia or any other territory thereof and, if applicable, shall assume by written agreement all the obligations of the Subsidiary Guarantor under the Registration Rights Agreement; (b) the Successor

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Guarantor, if other than such Subsidiary Guarantor, expressly assumes all the obligations of such Subsidiary Guarantor under the Notes and the Indenture pursuant to a supplemental indenture or other documents or instruments in form reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee; (c) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing; and (d) the Company will have delivered to the Trustee an Officers Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger or transfer and such supplemental indenture (if any) comply with the Indenture; or

(2) the transaction is made in compliance with the covenant described under Repurchase at the Option of Holders Sales of Assets and Subsidiary Stock (it being understood that only such portion of the Net Available Cash as is required to be applied on the date of such transaction in accordance with the terms of the Indenture needs to be applied in accordance therewith at such time), or excluded from the definition of Asset Sale, and, if applicable, this Merger and Consolidation covenant.

In addition, the Company will not, directly or indirectly, lease, or permit any Subsidiary Guarantor to lease, all or substantially all of the properties of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, in one or more related transactions, to any Person other than the Company or a Subsidiary Guarantor.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) any Subsidiary Guarantor may (x) merge with or into or transfer all or part of its properties and assets to another Subsidiary Guarantor or the Company, or (y) merge with a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company solely for the purpose of reincorporating the Subsidiary Guarantor in a State of the United States or the District of Columbia, as long as the amount of Indebtedness of such Subsidiary Guarantor and its Restricted Subsidiaries is not increased thereby and (ii) any Subsidiary Guarantor may liquidate or dissolve if the Company determines in good faith that such liquidation or dissolution is in the best interests of the Company and is not adverse in any material respect to the holders; *provided* that the proceeds of such liquidation or dissolution shall be retained by the Company or a Subsidiary Guarantor.

For purposes of this covenant, the sale, lease, assignment, conveyance, transfer, or other disposition of all or substantially all of the properties and assets of one or more Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company, which properties and assets, if held by the Company instead of such Restricted Subsidiaries, would constitute all or substantially all of the properties and assets of the Company on a consolidated basis, shall be deemed to be the transfer of all or substantially all of the properties and assets of the Company.

Although there is a limited body of case law interpreting the phrase substantially all, there is no precise established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, in certain circumstances there may be a degree of uncertainty as to whether a particular transaction would involve all or substantially all of the property or assets of a Person.

The Company and a Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, will be released from its obligations under the Indenture and the Successor Company and the Successor Guarantor, as the case may be, will succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company or a Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, under the Indenture, but, in the case of a lease of all or substantially all its properties and assets, the predecessor Company will not be released from the obligation to pay the principal of and interest on the Notes and a Subsidiary Guarantor will not be released from its obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee.

Future Subsidiary Guarantors

The Company will cause each Domestic Wholly Owned Subsidiary that borrows under or guarantees the Senior Credit Facilities on the Issue Date, and any Domestic Wholly Owned Subsidiary that borrows under or guarantees the

Senior Credit Facilities thereafter, to execute and deliver to the Trustee a supplemental indenture pursuant to which such Restricted Subsidiary will fully and unconditionally Guarantee, on a joint and several basis, the full and prompt payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest (including Additional Interest, if any) in respect of the Notes on a senior basis and all other obligations under the Indenture. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event (a) a Subsidiary Guarantor is released and discharged in full from all

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of its obligations under its Guarantees of the Senior Credit Facility and (b) such Subsidiary Guarantor has not Incurred any Indebtedness in reliance on its status as a Subsidiary Guarantor under the covenant Limitation on Indebtedness or such Subsidiary Guarantor's obligations under such Indebtedness are satisfied in full and discharged or are otherwise permitted to be Incurred by a Non-Guarantor Restricted Subsidiary under the covenant Limitation on Indebtedness, then the Subsidiary Guarantee of such Subsidiary Guarantor shall be automatically and unconditionally released or discharged.

The obligations of each Subsidiary Guarantor under its Subsidiary Guarantee will be limited to the maximum amount as will, after giving effect to all other contingent and fixed liabilities of such Subsidiary Guarantor (including, without limitation, any Guarantees under the Senior Credit Facility) and after giving effect to any collections from or payments made by or on behalf of any other Subsidiary Guarantor in respect of the obligations of such other Subsidiary Guarantor under its Subsidiary Guarantee or pursuant to its contribution obligations under the Indenture, result in the obligations of such Subsidiary Guarantor under its Subsidiary Guarantee not constituting a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer under applicable law. There can be no assurance, however, that a court would enforce such a provision in lieu of voiding the relevant Subsidiary Guarantee.

Each Subsidiary Guarantee shall also be released in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture described under Subsidiary Guarantees.

Events of Default

Each of the following is an Event of Default :

(1) default in any payment of interest or Additional Interest (as required by the Registration Rights Agreement) on any Note when due, continued for 30 days;

(2) default in the payment of principal of or premium, if any, on any Note when due at its Stated Maturity, upon optional redemption, upon required repurchase, upon declaration of acceleration or otherwise;

(3) failure by the Company to comply with its obligations under Certain Covenants Merger and Consolidation (other than its obligations under clause (5) of the first paragraph) or the failure by any Subsidiary Guarantor to comply with its obligations under clauses (1)(b), (1)(c), (1)(d) and (2) of the third paragraph of Certain Covenants Merger and Consolidation, in each case continued for 30 days;

(4) failure by the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor to comply for 30 days after notice as provided below with any of its obligations under the covenants described under Repurchase at the Option of Holders Change of Control or Sale of Assets and Subsidiary Stock above (in each case, other than (a) a failure to purchase Notes that constitutes an Event of Default under clause (2) above or (b) a failure to comply with Certain Covenants Merger and Consolidation that constitutes an Event of Default under clause (3) above);

(5) failure by the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor to comply for 60 days after notice as provided below with its other covenants and agreements contained in the Indenture;

(6) default by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary under any mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there may be issued or by which there may be secured or evidenced any indebtedness for money borrowed by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (or the payment of which is guaranteed by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries), other than indebtedness owed to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, whether such Indebtedness or Guarantee now exists or is created after the Issue Date, which default:

(a) is caused by a failure, after the expiration of the grace period provided in such Indebtedness, to pay principal of, or premium, if any, on such Indebtedness (*payment default*); or

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(b) results in the acceleration of such Indebtedness prior to its maturity (the cross acceleration provision);

and, in each case, the principal amount of any such Indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such Indebtedness under which there has been a payment default or the maturity of which has been so accelerated, aggregates \$50.0 million or more;

(7) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of the Company or a Significant Subsidiary or group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together (as of the latest audited consolidated financial statements for the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries), would constitute a Significant Subsidiary (the bankruptcy provisions);

(8) failure by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary or group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together (as of the latest audited consolidated financial statements for the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries), would constitute a Significant Subsidiary to pay final judgments aggregating in excess of \$50.0 million (net of any amounts that are covered by insurance provided by a reputable and creditworthy insurance company), which judgments are not paid, discharged or stayed for a period of 60 days (the judgment default provision); or

(9) any Subsidiary Guarantee of a Significant Subsidiary or group of Restricted Subsidiaries that taken together as of the latest audited consolidated financial statements for the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries would constitute a Significant Subsidiary ceases to be in full force and effect (except as contemplated by the terms of the Indenture) or is declared null and void in a judicial proceeding or any Subsidiary Guarantor that is a Significant Subsidiary or group of Subsidiary Guarantors that taken together as of the latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries would constitute a Significant Subsidiary denies or disaffirms its obligations under the Indenture or its Subsidiary Guarantee.

However, a default under clauses (4) and (5) above will not constitute an Event of Default until the Trustee or the holders of 25% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes (with a copy to the Trustee) provide written notice to the Company of the default and the Company does not cure such default within the time specified in clauses (4) and (5) above after receipt of such notice.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Indenture provides that, to the extent elected by us, the sole remedy for an Event of Default relating to the failure to comply with the reporting obligations in the Indenture, which are described above under Certain Covenants SEC Reports, will, for the first 60 days after the occurrence of such an Event of Default, consist exclusively of the right to receive additional interest on the Notes at an annual rate equal to 0.25% of the principal amount of the Notes. If we so elect, such additional interest will accrue on all outstanding Notes from and including the date on which the Event of Default relating to the failure to comply with the reporting obligations in the Indenture first occurs to but not including the earlier of (a) the 60th day thereafter or (b) the date on which such Event of Default is cured or waived by the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Notes. On such 60th day (or earlier, if the Event of Default relating to the reporting obligations under the Indenture is cured or waived by the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Notes prior to such 60th day), such additional interest will cease to accrue and, if the Event of Default relating to reporting obligations has not been cured or waived prior to such 60th day, the Notes will be subject to acceleration as provided below. The provisions of the Indenture described in this paragraph will not affect the rights of holders of Notes in the event of the occurrence of any other Event of Default. In the event we do not elect to pay the additional interest upon an Event of Default in accordance with this paragraph, the Notes will be subject to acceleration as provided below.

In order to elect to pay the additional interest on the Notes as the sole remedy during the first 60 days after the occurrence of an Event of Default relating to the failure to comply with the reporting obligations in the Indenture in accordance with the immediately preceding paragraph, we must notify all holders of Notes and the Trustee and

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Paying Agent of such election on or before the close of business on the date on which such Event of Default first occurs. We may make such an election with respect to the Notes.

If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default described in clause (7) above with respect to the Company) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee by notice in writing specifying the Event of Default and that it is a notice to the Company, or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes by notice to the Company and the Trustee, may declare the principal of, premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on all the Notes to be due and payable. Upon such a declaration, such principal, premium and accrued and unpaid interest will be due and payable immediately. In the event of a declaration of acceleration of the Notes because an Event of Default described in clause (6) under Events of Default has occurred and is continuing, the declaration of acceleration of the Notes shall be automatically annulled if the default triggering such Event of Default pursuant to clause (6) shall be remedied or cured by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary or waived by the holders of the relevant Indebtedness within 20 days after the declaration of acceleration with respect thereto and if (1) the annulment of the acceleration of the Notes would not conflict with any judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction and (2) all existing Events of Default, except nonpayment of principal, premium or interest on the Notes that became due solely because of the acceleration of the Notes, have been cured or waived. If an Event of Default described in clause (7) above occurs and is continuing with respect to the Company, the principal of, premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest on all the Notes will become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any holders. The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may waive all past defaults (except with respect to a continuing Default or Event of Default with respect to nonpayment of principal, premium or interest on the Notes) and rescind any such acceleration with respect to the Notes and its consequences if (1) rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction and (2) all existing Events of Default, other than the nonpayment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes that have become due solely by such declaration of acceleration, have been cured or waived and all amounts owing to the Trustee under the Indenture have been paid.

Subject to the provisions of the Indenture relating to the duties of the Trustee, if an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers under the Indenture at the request or direction of any of the holders unless such holders have offered to the Trustee satisfactory indemnity or security against any loss, liability or expense. Except to enforce the right to receive payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest when due, no holder may pursue any remedy with respect to the Indenture or the Notes *unless*:

- (1) such holder has previously given the Trustee written notice that an Event of Default is continuing;
- (2) holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes have requested the Trustee, by notice in writing, to pursue the remedy;
- (3) such holders have offered the Trustee satisfactory security or indemnity against any loss, liability or expense;
- (4) the Trustee has not complied with such request within 60 days after the receipt of the request and the offer of security or indemnity; and
- (5) the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes have not given the Trustee a direction that, in the opinion of the Trustee, is inconsistent with such request within such 60-day period.

Subject to certain restrictions, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes are given the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee or of exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee. The Indenture provides that in the event an Event

of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee will be required in the exercise of the rights and powers vested in it by the Indenture to use the same degree of care and skill that a prudent person

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would use, under the circumstances, in the conduct of its own affairs. The Trustee, however, may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or the Indenture or that the Trustee determines is unduly prejudicial to the rights of any other holder (it being understood that the Trustee does not have an affirmative duty to ascertain whether or not any such directions are unduly prejudicial) or that would involve the Trustee in personal liability. Prior to taking any action under the Indenture, the Trustee will be entitled to indemnification from the holders satisfactory to it in its sole discretion against all losses and expenses caused by taking or not taking such action.

The Indenture provides that if a Default occurs and is continuing and is known to the Trustee, the Trustee must mail to each holder notice of the Default within 90 days after it occurs. Except in the case of a Default in the payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Note, the Trustee may withhold notice if and so long as a committee of trust officers of the Trustee in good faith determines that withholding notice is in the interests of the holders. In addition, the Company is required to deliver to the Trustee, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year, a certificate indicating whether the signers thereof know of any Default that occurred during the previous year. The Company also is required to deliver to the Trustee, within 30 days after the occurrence thereof, written notice of any events that constitute certain Defaults, their status and what action the Company is taking or proposing to take in respect thereof.

Amendments and Waivers

Except as provided in the next two succeeding paragraphs, the Indenture, any Subsidiary Guarantee and the Notes issued thereunder may be amended or supplemented with the consent of the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes (including without limitation, consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, Notes) and, subject to certain exceptions, any past Default or compliance with any provisions may be waived with the consent of the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes (including, without limitation, consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, Notes). However, without the consent of each holder of an outstanding Note adversely affected, no amendment, supplement or waiver may, among other things:

- (1) reduce the amount of Notes whose holders must consent to an amendment;
- (2) reduce the stated rate of interest or extend the stated interest payment date of the Notes;
- (3) reduce the principal of or extend the Stated Maturity of any Note;
- (4) waive a Default or Event of Default in the payment of principal of, or interest or premium, if any, or Additional Interest, if any, on the Notes issued thereunder (except a rescission of acceleration of the Notes issued thereunder by the holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes with respect to a nonpayment default and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration);
- (5) reduce the premium payable upon the redemption or repurchase of any Note or change the time at which any Note may be redeemed or repurchased as described above under Optional Redemption, Repurchase at the Option of Holders Change of Control, or Repurchase at the Option of Holders Sales of Assets and Subsidiary Stock, whether through an amendment or waiver of provisions in the covenants, definitions or otherwise (except amendments to the definition of Change of Control or Asset Sale);
- (6) make any Note payable in money other than that stated in the Note;

(7) otherwise impair the right of any holder to receive payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on such holder's Notes on or after the due dates therefor or to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or with respect to such holder's Notes;

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- (8) make any change in the amendment provisions that require each holder's consent or in the waiver provisions; or
- (9) modify the Subsidiary Guarantees in any manner materially adverse to the holders of the Notes.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, without the consent of any holder, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture and the Notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees to:

- (1) cure any ambiguity, omission, defect, mistake or inconsistency;
- (2) provide for the assumption by a successor entity (or co-issuer) of the obligations of the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor under the Indenture (whether through merger, consolidation, sale of all or substantially all of assets, properties or otherwise);
- (3) provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of certificated Notes (*provided* that the uncertificated Notes are issued in registered form for purposes of Section 163(f) of the Code, or in a manner such that the uncertificated Notes are described in Section 163(f)(2)(B) of the Code);
- (4) add Guarantees with respect to the Notes or release a Subsidiary Guarantor from its obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee or the Indenture in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Indenture;
- (5) secure the Notes;
- (6) add to the covenants of the Company for the benefit of the holders or surrender any right or power conferred upon the Company;
- (7) make any change that does not materially adversely affect the rights of any holder under the Indenture;
- (8) comply with any requirement of the SEC in connection with the qualification of the Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act;
- (9) provide for the appointment of a successor trustee; *provided* that the successor trustee is otherwise qualified and eligible to act as such under the terms of the Indenture;
- (10) provide for the issuance of Additional Notes under the Indenture;
- (11) comply with the provisions described under Subsidiary Guarantees or Certain Covenants Future Subsidiary Guarantors ;
- (12) provide for the issuance of exchange securities which shall have terms substantially identical in all respects to the Notes (except that the transfer restrictions contained in the Notes shall be modified or eliminated as appropriate) and which shall be treated, together with any outstanding Notes, as a single class of securities; or
- (13) conform the text of the Indenture, the Notes or the Subsidiary Guarantees to any provision of this Description of the Notes to the extent that such provision in this Description of the Notes is intended to be a verbatim recitation of a provision of the Indenture, the Notes or the Subsidiary Guarantees (as certified in an Officers Certificate delivered to the Trustee).

The consent of the holders is not necessary under the Indenture to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment or supplement. It is sufficient if such consent approves the substance of the proposed amendment or supplement. A consent to any amendment, supplement or waiver under the Indenture by any holder of Notes given in connection with a tender of such holder's Notes will not be rendered invalid by such tender. After an amendment or supplement under the Indenture becomes effective, the Company is required to send to the holders a notice briefly describing such amendment or supplement. However, the failure to give such notice to all the holders, or any defect in the notice will not impair or affect the validity of the amendment or supplement.

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Defeasance

The Company may, at its option and at any time, elect to have all of its obligations and the obligations of the Subsidiary Guarantors discharged with respect to the outstanding Notes issued under the Indenture (legal defeasance) except for:

- (1) the rights of holders of outstanding Notes issued thereunder to receive payments in respect of the principal of, or interest or premium and Additional Interest, if any, on such Notes when such payments are due from the trust referred to below;
- (2) the Company's obligations with respect to the Notes issued thereunder concerning issuing temporary Notes, registration of Notes, mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes and the maintenance of an office or agency for payment and money for security payments held in trust;
- (3) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the Trustee, and the Company's obligations in connection therewith; and
- (4) the legal defeasance provisions of the Indenture.

If the Company exercises the legal defeasance option, the Subsidiary Guarantees in effect at such time will terminate.

The Company at any time may terminate its obligations described under Repurchase at the Option of Holders and under the covenants described under Certain Covenants (other than clauses (1), (2), and (6) of the first paragraph under Merger and Consolidation), the operation of the cross-default upon a payment default, cross acceleration provisions, the bankruptcy provisions with respect to Significant Subsidiaries or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that taken together would constitute a Significant Subsidiary and the judgment default provision described under Events of Default above (covenant defeasance).

The Company may exercise its legal defeasance option notwithstanding its prior exercise of its covenant defeasance option. If the Company exercises its legal defeasance option, payment of the Notes may not be accelerated because of an Event of Default with respect to the Notes. If the Company exercises its covenant defeasance option, payment of the Notes may not be accelerated because of an Event of Default specified in clause (4), (5), (6), (7) (with respect only to Significant Subsidiaries or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that taken together would constitute a Significant Subsidiary) or (8) under Events of Default above or because of the failure of the Company to comply with clauses (3), (4) or (5) of the first paragraph under Certain Covenants Merger and Consolidation above.

In order to exercise either legal defeasance or covenant defeasance under the Indenture:

- (1) the Company must irrevocably deposit with the Trustee, in trust, for the benefit of the holders of the Notes issued thereunder, cash in U.S. dollars, non-callable U.S. Government Obligations, or a combination of cash in U.S. dollars and non-callable U.S. Government Obligations, in amounts as will be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized investment bank, appraisal firm or firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certificate delivered to the Trustee, to pay the principal of, or interest and premium and Additional Interest, if any, on the outstanding Notes issued thereunder on the Stated Maturity or on the applicable redemption date, as the case may be, and the Company must specify whether the Notes are being defeased to maturity or to a particular redemption date;
- (2) in the case of legal defeasance, the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel reasonably acceptable to the Trustee confirming that (a) the Company has received from, or there has been published by, the

Internal Revenue Service a ruling or (b) since the date of the Indenture, there has been a change in the applicable federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such Opinion of Counsel will confirm that, the holders of the respective outstanding Notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such legal defeasance and will be subject

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to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such legal defeasance had not occurred;

(3) in the case of covenant defeasance, the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel reasonably acceptable to the Trustee confirming that the holders of the respective outstanding Notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such covenant defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such covenant defeasance had not occurred;

(4) such legal defeasance or covenant defeasance will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under any material agreement or instrument (excluding the Indenture) to which the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries is bound;

(5) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing on the date of such deposit (other than a Default or Event of Default resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to such deposit and the grant of any Lien securing such borrowings);

(6) the Company must deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that the deposit was not made by the Company with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding creditors of the Company or others; and

(7) the Company must deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel (which Opinion of Counsel may be subject to customary assumptions and exclusions), each stating that all conditions precedent relating to the legal defeasance or the covenant defeasance have been complied with.

Satisfaction and Discharge

The Indenture will be discharged and will cease to be of further effect as to all Notes issued thereunder, when:

(1) either:

(a) all Notes that have been authenticated, except lost, stolen or destroyed Notes that have been replaced or paid and Notes for whose payment money has been deposited in trust and thereafter repaid to the Company, have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or

(b) all Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation have become due and payable by reason of the making of a notice of redemption or otherwise, or will become due and payable within one year or may be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Company, and the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee, as trust funds in trust solely for the benefit of the holders of the Notes, cash in U.S. dollars, U.S. Government Obligations, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient without consideration of any reinvestment of interest to pay and discharge the entire Indebtedness on the Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation for principal, premium, if any, and accrued interest to the date of maturity or redemption;

(2) the deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any other material instrument to which the Company is a party or by which the Company is bound;

(3) the Company has paid or caused to be paid all sums payable by it under the Indenture; and

(4) the Company has delivered irrevocable instructions to the Trustee under the Indenture to apply the deposited money toward the payment of the Notes issued thereunder at maturity or the redemption date, as the case may be.

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In addition, the Company must deliver an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel to the Trustee stating that all conditions precedent to satisfaction and discharge have been satisfied.

No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees and Stockholders

No director, officer, employee, incorporator or stockholder of the Company or the Subsidiary Guarantors, as such, shall have any liability for any obligations of the Company or the Subsidiary Guarantors under the Notes, the Indenture or the Subsidiary Guarantees or for any claim based upon, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each holder by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes. The waiver may not be effective to waive liabilities under the federal securities law.

Notices

Notices given by publication will be deemed given on the first date on which publication is made; notices delivered by hand will be deemed given at the time of delivery; notices sent by overnight air courier guaranteeing next-day delivery will be deemed given the next Business Day after timely delivery to the courier; and notices given by first-class mail, postage prepaid, will be deemed given three Business Days after mailing. Any notices required to be given to the holders while the Notes are global Notes will be given to DTC.

Concerning the Trustee

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association is the Trustee under the Indenture and has been appointed by the Company as Registrar and Paying Agent with regard to the Notes.

The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes issued under the Indenture have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for exercising any remedy available to the Trustee, subject to certain exceptions. The Indenture provides that in case an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee will be required, in the exercise of the rights and powers vested in it by the Indenture, to use the same degree of care and skill of a prudent man would under the circumstances in the conduct of his own affairs. Subject to such provisions, the Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the Indenture at the request or direction of any holder of Notes, unless such holder has offered to the Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense.

Governing Law; Jury Trial Waiver

The Indenture provides that it and the Notes will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

The Indenture provides that the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee, and each holder of a Note by its acceptance thereof, irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any and all right to trial by jury in any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to the Indenture, the Notes or any transaction contemplated thereby.

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Certain Definitions

8.25% Notes Indenture means the indenture dated as of June 1, 2011 among the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee, pursuant to which the 8.25% Notes have been issued, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

8.25% Notes means the \$550,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 8.25% Senior Notes due 2019 issued by the Company pursuant to the 8.25% Notes Indenture.

ABL Facility means the credit facility provided under the ABL Credit Agreement dated as of June 1, 2011 among the Company, the lenders party thereto from time to time in their capacities as lenders thereunder, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent and collateral agent, including any notes, mortgages, guarantees, collateral documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection therewith, and any amendments, supplements, modifications, extensions, amendment and restatements, replacements, renewals, restatements, refundings or refinancings thereof and any one or more indentures or credit facilities or commercial paper facilities with banks or other institutional lenders or investors that extend, replace, refund, refinance, renew or defease any part of the loans, notes, other credit facilities or commitments thereunder, including any such replacement, refunding or refinancing facility or indenture that increases the amount borrowable thereunder (provided that such increase in borrowing is permitted under **Certain Covenants Limitation on Indebtedness**) or alters the maturity thereof or adds Restricted Subsidiaries as additional borrowers or guarantors thereunder and whether by the same or any other agent, lender or group of lenders.

Acquired Indebtedness means, with respect to any specified Person, (a) Indebtedness of any Person or any of its Subsidiaries existing at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary or merges with or into the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary or (b) assumed in connection with the acquisition of property or assets from such Person, in each case whether or not Incurred by such Person in connection with, or in anticipation or contemplation of, such Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary or such merger or acquisition, and Indebtedness secured by a Lien encumbering any property or asset acquired by such specified Person. Acquired Indebtedness shall be deemed to have been Incurred, with respect to clause (a) of the preceding sentence, on the date such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary or merges with or into the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary and, with respect to clause (b) of the preceding sentence, on the date of consummation of such acquisition of property or assets. The term **Acquired Indebtedness** does not include Indebtedness of a Person that is redeemed, defeased, retired or otherwise repaid at the time of or immediately upon consummation of the transactions by which such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary or merges with or into the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary or such property or assets are acquired, which Indebtedness of such Person will not be deemed to be Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary.

Additional Assets means:

- (1) any property, plant, equipment or other asset (excluding any asset classified as a current asset under GAAP), including improvements thereto through capital expenditures or otherwise, to be used, or that is useful, in a Similar Business;
- (2) all or substantially all of the assets of a Similar Business;

(3) the Capital Stock of a Person that becomes a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of the acquisition of such Capital Stock by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary; or

(4) Capital Stock in any Person that at such time is a Restricted Subsidiary;
provided, however, that, in the case of clauses (3) and (4), such Restricted Subsidiary is primarily engaged in a Similar Business.

Additional Interest means the additional interest payable as a consequence of the failure to effectuate in a timely manner the exchange offer and/or shelf registration procedures set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement.

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Affiliate of any specified Person means any other Person, directly or indirectly, controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For the purposes of this definition, **control** (including, with correlative meanings, the terms **controlling**, **controlled by** and **under common control with**) when used with respect to any Person means possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct the management and policies of such Person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms **controlling** and **controlled** have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

Applicable Premium means, with respect to a Note on any date of redemption, the greater of:

- (1) 1.0% of the principal amount of such Note; and
- (2) the excess, if any, of (a) the present value as of such date of redemption of (i) the redemption price of such Note on April 15, 2017, (each such redemption price being described under **Optional Redemption**) plus (ii) all required interest payments due on such Note through April 15, 2017 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the date of redemption), computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such date of redemption plus 50 basis points, over (b) the then-outstanding principal of such Note.

Calculation of the Applicable Premium will be made by the Company or on behalf of the Company by such Person as the Company shall designate; *provided* that such calculation or the correctness thereof shall not be a duty or obligation of the Trustee.

Asset Sale means any direct or indirect sale, lease (other than an operating lease entered into in the ordinary course of business), transfer, issuance or other disposition, or a series of related sales, leases, transfers, issuances or dispositions that are part of a common plan, of shares of Capital Stock of a Subsidiary of the Company (other than directors qualifying shares and shares issued to foreign nationals to the extent required by applicable law), property or other assets (each referred to for the purposes of this definition as a **disposition**) by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, including any disposition by means of a merger, consolidation or similar transaction.

Notwithstanding the preceding, the following items shall not be deemed to be Asset Sales:

- (1) a disposition of Capital Stock, property or other assets by a Restricted Subsidiary to the Company or by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary to a Restricted Subsidiary;
- (2) the disposition of Cash Equivalents in the ordinary course of business;
- (3) a disposition of equipment, inventory, receivables or other tangible or intangible assets or property in the ordinary course of business;
- (4) a disposition of obsolete, damaged or worn out property or equipment or property or equipment that is no longer useful in the conduct of the business of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries;

- (5) a disposition pursuant to a Sale/Leaseback Transaction otherwise permitted under the Indenture;
- (6) the disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company in a manner permitted pursuant to Certain Covenants Merger and Consolidation or any disposition that constitutes a Change of Control pursuant to the Indenture;
- (7) an issuance of Capital Stock by a Restricted Subsidiary to the Company or to a Restricted Subsidiary;
- (8) for purposes of Repurchase at the Option of Holders Sales of Assets and Subsidiary Stock only, the making of a Permitted Investment or a disposition subject to Certain Covenants Limitation on Restricted Payments ;
- (9) dispositions of property or assets in a single transaction or series of related transactions with a fair market value of less than \$10.0 million;

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- (10) the creation or incurrence of a Permitted Lien or any other Lien created or incurred in compliance with the covenant described under the caption Certain Covenants Limitation on Liens, and dispositions in connection therewith;
- (11) dispositions of receivables in connection with the compromise, settlement or collection thereof in the ordinary course of business or in bankruptcy or similar proceedings and exclusive of factoring or similar arrangements;
- (12) the issuance by a Restricted Subsidiary of Preferred Stock or Disqualified Stock that is permitted by the covenant described under the caption Certain Covenants Limitation on Indebtedness ;
- (13) a surrender or waiver of contract rights or a settlement, release or surrender of contract, tort or other claims in the ordinary course of business;
- (14) foreclosure on assets or property;
- (15) any sale or other disposition of Capital Stock in, or Indebtedness or other securities of, an Unrestricted Subsidiary or a Minority-Owned Affiliate;
- (16) with respect to a lease of any property, surrender to or repossession by the lessor of such property, or the termination or expiration of the lease relating to such property;
- (17) the unwinding of any Hedging Obligations;
- (18) the sale, transfer or other disposition of Investments in joint ventures (including any Minority-Owned Affiliates) to the extent required by customary buy/sell arrangements between, the joint venture parties set forth in joint venture agreements or similar binding arrangements, provided that any Net Cash Proceeds received therewith are applied in accordance with the covenant Repurchase at the Option of Holders Sales of Assets and Subsidiary Stock ; and
- (19) an Asset Swap.

Asset Swap means any concurrent purchase and sale or exchange of any property, plant, equipment or other asset to be used, or that is useful, in a Similar Business (including Capital Stock of a Person that is a Restricted Subsidiary at the time of, or becomes a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of, the relevant transaction) between the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary and another Person; *provided* that, taken as a whole, the fair market value of any such property, plant, equipment or other asset (including any such Capital Stock and cash) received by the Company or any such Restricted Subsidiary in such purchase or exchange is at least equal to the fair market value of the property, plant, equipment or other asset of the Company or any such Restricted Subsidiary sold or exchanged (in each case, such fair market value to be determined as of the date of contractually agreeing to such Asset Swap); *provided, further*, that any

cash received must be applied in accordance with Repurchases at the Option of Holders Sales of Assets and Subsidiary Stock as if the Asset Swap was an Asset Sale.

Attributable Indebtedness in respect of a Sale/Leaseback Transaction means, as at the time of determination, the present value (discounted at the interest rate implicit in the transaction) of the total obligations of the lessee for rental payments during the remaining term of the lease included in such Sale/Leaseback Transaction (including any period for which such lease has been extended), determined in accordance with GAAP; *provided, however*, that if such Sale/Leaseback Transaction results in a Capitalized Lease Obligation, the amount of Indebtedness represented thereby will be determined in accordance with the definition of Capitalized Lease Obligations.

Average Life means, as of the date of determination, with respect to any Indebtedness or Preferred Stock, the quotient obtained by dividing (1) the sum of the products of the numbers of years from the date of determination to the dates of each successive scheduled principal payment of such Indebtedness or redemption or similar payment with respect to such Preferred Stock multiplied by the amount of such payment by (2) the sum of all such payments.

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Board of Directors means:

- (1) with respect to a corporation, the board of directors of the corporation or a duly authorized committee of the board of directors;
- (2) with respect to a partnership, the board of directors of the general partner of the partnership;
- (3) with respect to a limited liability company, the managing member or members or any controlling committee or board of managers of such company or the Board of Directors of the sole member or the managing member thereof; and
- (4) with respect to any other Person, the board or committee of such Person serving a similar function.

Borrowing Base means, as of any date of determination, 85% of the book value of the receivables of the Company and each of the Restricted Subsidiaries that guarantee or borrow under the ABL Facility or any other revolving credit facility Incurred pursuant to clause (1) of the second paragraph of **Certain Covenants Limitation on Indebtedness**, as determined in accordance with GAAP as of the end of the most recent calendar month that ended at least 30 days prior to such date of determination or such later date upon which the Company has provided a calculation of the book value of such receivables for lenders or investors under a Credit Facility, after giving *pro forma* effect to the occurrence of any event by which any Person became or ceased to be a Restricted Subsidiary or merged with or into the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary since such end of a calendar month, including any such event that occurs on such date of determination.

Business Day means each day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which banking institutions in New York, New York or the cities in which the corporate trust offices of the Trustee are located (currently in Chicago, Illinois and Minneapolis, Minnesota) are authorized or required by law to close.

Capital Stock of any Person means any and all shares, interests, rights to purchase, participations (including rights to receive a share of profits or losses), equity appreciation rights or other equivalents (however designated) of or in equity of such Person, including any Preferred Stock or any limited liability company, membership or partnership interests (whether general or limited), together with any and all warrants, options or other rights to purchase or acquire any of the foregoing, but excluding any debt securities convertible into or exchangeable for any of the foregoing.

Capitalized Lease Obligations means an obligation that is required to be classified and accounted for as a capitalized lease for financial reporting purposes in accordance with GAAP, and the amount of Indebtedness represented by such obligation will be the capitalized amount of such obligation at the time any determination thereof is to be made as determined in accordance with GAAP, and the Stated Maturity thereof will be the date of the last payment of rent or any other amount due under such lease prior to the first date such lease may be terminated without penalty.

Cash Equivalents means:

- (1)

U.S. dollars, or in the case of any Foreign Subsidiary, such local currencies held by it from time to time in the ordinary course of business;

- (2) securities issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States Government or any agency or instrumentality of the United States (provided that the full faith and credit of the United States is pledged in support thereof), having maturities of not more than one year from the date of acquisition;
- (3) marketable general obligations issued by any state of the United States of America or any political subdivision of any such state or any public instrumentality thereof maturing within one year from the date of acquisition and, at the time of acquisition, having a credit rating of A or better from either Standard & Poor's Ratings Group, Inc. or Moody's Investors Service, Inc.;

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- (4) certificates of deposit, demand deposits, time deposits, eurodollar time deposits, overnight bank deposits or bankers' acceptances having maturities of not more than one year from the date of acquisition thereof issued by any commercial bank the long-term debt of which is rated at the time of acquisition thereof at least A- or the equivalent thereof by Standard & Poor's Ratings Group, Inc., or A- or the equivalent thereof by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., and having combined capital and surplus in excess of \$500.0 million;
- (5) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than seven days for underlying securities of the types described in clauses (2), (3) and (4) entered into with any bank meeting the qualifications specified in clause (4) above;
- (6) commercial paper rated at the time of acquisition thereof at least A-2 or the equivalent thereof by Standard & Poor's Ratings Group, Inc. or P-2 or the equivalent thereof by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., or carrying an equivalent rating by a nationally recognized Rating Agency, if both of the two named Rating Agencies cease publishing ratings of investments, and in any case maturing within one year after the date of acquisition thereof; and
- (7) interests in any investment company or money market fund which invests 95% or more of its assets in instruments of the type specified in clauses (1) through (6) above.

Change of Control means:

- (1) the Company becomes aware (by way of a report or another filing pursuant to Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act, proxy, vote, written notice or otherwise) of the acquisition by any person or group of related persons (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act) of the beneficial ownership (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company (or its successor by merger, consolidation or purchase of all or substantially all of their assets) other than by virtue of the imposition of a holding company, the beneficial owners of whose Voting Stock would not have caused a Change of Control if such beneficial owners had directly held the Voting Stock of the Company held by such holding company; or
- (2) during any period of 24 consecutive calendar months, individuals who were members of the Board of Directors of the Company on the first day of such period (together with any new directors whose election or appointment by such members or whose nomination for election by the shareholders of the Company was approved by a vote of a majority of the directors then still in office who were either directors at the beginning of such period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved) shall cease to constitute a majority of the Board of Directors of the Company; or
- (3) the sale, assignment, lease, conveyance, transfer or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole to any person (as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act); or

- (4) the adoption by the stockholders of the Company of a plan or proposal for the liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

Code means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Commodity Agreement means any commodity futures contract, commodity swap, commodity option or other similar agreement or arrangement entered into by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary designed or intended to protect the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries against fluctuations in the price of commodities actually used in the ordinary course of business of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries.

Common Stock means with respect to any Person, any and all shares of, interest or other participations in, and other equivalents (however designated and whether voting or nonvoting) of such Person's common stock

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whether or not outstanding on the Issue Date, and includes, without limitation, all series and classes of such common stock.

Consolidated Coverage Ratio means as of any date of determination, with respect to any Person, the ratio of (x) the aggregate amount of Consolidated EBITDA of such Person for the period of the most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters ending prior to the date of such determination for which financial statements prepared on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP are available to (y) Consolidated Interest Expense for such four fiscal quarters, *provided, however, that:*

- (1) if the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary:
 - (a) has Incurred any Indebtedness since the beginning of such period that remains outstanding on such date of determination or if the transaction giving rise to the need to calculate the Consolidated Coverage Ratio includes an incurrence of Indebtedness, Consolidated EBITDA and Consolidated Interest Expense for such period will be calculated after giving effect on a pro forma basis to such Indebtedness as if such Indebtedness had been Incurred on the first day of such period (except that in making such computation, the amount of Indebtedness under any revolving Credit Facility (including, without limitation, the ABL Facility) outstanding on the date of such calculation will be deemed to be (i) the average daily balance of such Indebtedness during such four fiscal quarters or such shorter period for which such facility was outstanding or (ii) if such facility was created after the end of such four fiscal quarters, the average daily balance of such Indebtedness during the period from the date of creation of such facility to the date of such calculation) and the discharge of any other Indebtedness repaid, repurchased, defeased or otherwise discharged with the proceeds of such new Indebtedness as if such discharge had occurred on the first day of such period; or
 - (b) has repaid, repurchased, redeemed, retired, defeased or otherwise discharged any Indebtedness since the beginning of the period that is no longer outstanding on such date of determination or if the transaction giving rise to the need to calculate the Consolidated Coverage Ratio includes a discharge of Indebtedness (in each case, other than Indebtedness Incurred under any revolving Credit Facility (including, without limitation, the ABL Facility) unless such Indebtedness has been permanently repaid and the related commitment terminated), Consolidated EBITDA and Consolidated Interest Expense for such period will be calculated after giving effect on a *pro forma* basis to such discharge of such Indebtedness, including with the proceeds of such new Indebtedness, as if such discharge had occurred on the first day of such period;
- (2) if since the beginning of such period the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary will have made any Asset Sale or disposed of or discontinued (as defined under GAAP) any company, division, operating unit, segment, business, group of related assets or properties or line of business or if the transaction giving rise to the need to calculate the Consolidated Coverage Ratio includes such a transaction:
 - (a) the Consolidated EBITDA for such period will be reduced by an amount equal to the Consolidated EBITDA (if positive) directly attributable to the assets or properties that are the subject of such disposition or discontinuation for such period or increased by an amount equal to the Consolidated EBITDA (if negative) directly attributable thereto for such period; and
 - (b) Consolidated Interest Expense for such period will be reduced by an amount equal to the Consolidated Interest Expense directly attributable to any Indebtedness of the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary repaid, repurchased, redeemed, retired, defeased or otherwise discharged with respect to the Company and its continuing Consolidated Subsidiaries in connection with such transaction for such period (or, if the Capital Stock of any

Consolidated Subsidiary is sold, the Consolidated Interest Expense for such period directly attributable to the Indebtedness of such Consolidated Subsidiary to the extent the Company and its continuing Consolidated Subsidiaries are no longer liable for such Indebtedness after such sale);

- (3) if since the beginning of such period the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary (by merger or otherwise) will have made an Investment in any Consolidated Subsidiary (or any Person that becomes a

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Consolidated Subsidiary or is merged or consolidated with or into the Company or a Consolidated Subsidiary) or an acquisition of assets or property, including any acquisition of assets or property occurring in connection with a transaction causing a calculation to be made hereunder, which constitutes all or substantially all of a company, division, operating unit, segment, business, group of related assets or properties or line of business, Consolidated EBITDA and Consolidated Interest Expense for such period will be calculated after giving *pro forma* effect thereto (including the Incurrence of any Indebtedness) as if such Investment or acquisition occurred on the first day of such period; and

- (4) if since the beginning of such period any Person (that subsequently became a Consolidated Subsidiary or was merged or consolidated with or into the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary since the beginning of such period) will have Incurred any Indebtedness or discharged any Indebtedness, made any disposition or any Investment or acquisition of assets or property that would have required an adjustment pursuant to clause (1), (2) or (3) above if made by the Company or a Consolidated Subsidiary during such period, Consolidated EBITDA and Consolidated Interest Expense for such period will be calculated after giving *pro forma* effect thereto as if such transaction occurred on the first day of such period.

For purposes of this definition, whenever *pro forma* effect is to be given to any calculation under this definition, the *pro forma* calculations will be determined in good faith by a responsible financial or accounting Officer of the Company to reflect adjustments (i) required or permitted under Regulation S-X and (ii) at the option of the Company, to reflect expected improvements to Consolidated EBITDA resulting from cost savings and synergies in connection with any acquisition or disposition based upon specifically identified actions that have been taken or are expected to be taken within 12 months of the date of the relevant acquisition or disposition so long as such improvement is expected to be reflected in the Company's Consolidated EBITDA within four fiscal quarters following the date such actions are taken. If any Indebtedness bears a floating rate of interest and is being given *pro forma* effect, the interest expense on such Indebtedness will be calculated as if the rate in effect on the date of determination had been the applicable rate for the entire period (taking into account any Interest Rate Agreement applicable to such Indebtedness if such Interest Rate Agreement has a remaining term in excess of 12 months). If any Indebtedness that is being given *pro forma* effect bears an interest rate at the option of the Company, the interest rate shall be calculated by applying such optional rate chosen by the Company.

Consolidated EBITDA means, with respect to any Person for any period, the Consolidated Net Income of such Person for such period:

- (1) increased (without duplication) by the following items to the extent deducted in calculating such Consolidated Net Income:
- (a) Consolidated Interest Expense; *plus*
 - (b) Consolidated Income Taxes; *plus*
 - (c) consolidated depreciation expense; *plus*
 - (d) consolidated amortization expense or impairment charges; *plus*
 - (e) other non-cash charges (including non-cash Restructuring Charges) reducing Consolidated Net Income, including any write-offs or write-downs (excluding any such non-cash charge to the extent it represents an accrual of or reserve for cash charges in any future period or amortization of a prepaid cash expense that was paid in a prior period not

included in the calculation); *plus*

(f) the amount of any Restructuring Charges (other than those added back pursuant to clause (e) above) and expenses or charges related to any proposed or consummated Equity Offering, Investment, acquisition, disposition, Incurrence of Indebtedness or recapitalization (including the Refinancing Transactions); provided that any amounts added to Consolidated Net Income for Restructuring Charges pursuant to this clause will not exceed, in any four fiscal quarter period, the

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greater of (i) \$20.0 million and (ii) 5% of Consolidated EBITDA of such Person as otherwise determined in accordance with this definition for such four fiscal quarter period with such pro forma adjustments as are consistent with the definition of Consolidated Coverage Ratio; *plus*

(g) the amount of run-rate cost savings projected by the Company in good faith and certified by the chief financial officer of the Company to result from actions either taken or initiated prior to or during such period (which cost savings shall be calculated on a *pro forma* basis as though such cost savings had been realized on the first day of such period), net of the amount of actual benefits realized prior to or during such period from such actions; provided that (A) (x) such cost savings are reasonably quantifiable and reasonably anticipated to result from such actions and (y) such actions have been taken or initiated and the benefits resulting therefrom are anticipated by the Company to be realized within 12 months, (B) no cost savings shall be added pursuant to this clause (g) to the extent duplicative of any expenses or charges relating to such cost savings that are included in clause (f) above with respect to such period and (C) the aggregate amount of cost savings added pursuant to this clause (g) shall not exceed 10% of Consolidated EBITDA for any period of four consecutive fiscal quarters prior to giving effect to amounts added back pursuant to this clause (g) or such clause (f),

(2) decreased (without duplication) by non-cash items increasing Consolidated Net Income of such Person for such period (excluding any items which represent the reversal of any accrual of, or reserve for, anticipated cash charges that reduced Consolidated EBITDA in any prior period), and

(3) increased or decreased by (without duplication) the following items reflected in Consolidated Net Income:
(a) any net gain or loss resulting in such period from Hedging Obligations and the application of Accounting Standards Codification 450;

(b) any net gain or loss resulting in such period from currency translation gains or losses related to currency remeasurements of Indebtedness (including any net loss or gain resulting from Hedging Obligations for currency exchange risk); and

(c) effects of adjustments (including the effects of such adjustments pushed down to the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries) in any line item in such Person's consolidated financial statements pursuant to GAAP resulting from the application of purchase accounting in relation to any completed acquisition.

Consolidated Income Taxes means, with respect to any Person for any period, taxes imposed upon such Person or other payments required to be made by such Person by any governmental authority, which taxes or other payments are calculated by reference to the income or profits or capital of such Person or such Person and its Consolidated Subsidiaries (to the extent such income or profits were included in computing Consolidated Net Income for such period), including, without limitation, state, franchise and similar taxes and foreign withholding taxes regardless of whether such taxes or payments are required to be remitted to any governmental authority.

Consolidated Interest Expense means, for any period, the total interest expense of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries, whether paid or accrued, plus, to the extent not included in such interest expense (without duplication):

(1)

interest expense attributable to Capitalized Lease Obligations and the interest portion of rent expense associated with Attributable Indebtedness in respect of the relevant lease giving rise thereto, determined as if such lease were a capitalized lease in accordance with GAAP and the interest component of any deferred payment obligations;

- (2) amortization of debt discount (including the amortization of original issue discount resulting from the issuance of Indebtedness at less than par), but excluding amortization or write off of debt issuance costs and non-recurring bridge, commitment and other financing fees; and provided, however, that any amortization of bond premium will be credited to reduce Consolidated Interest Expense unless,

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pursuant to GAAP, such amortization of bond premium has otherwise reduced Consolidated Interest Expense;

- (3) non-cash interest expense, but excluding any non-cash interest expense attributable to the movement in the mark to market valuation of Hedging Obligations or other derivative instruments pursuant to GAAP;
- (4) commissions, discounts and other fees and charges owed with respect to letters of credit and bankers acceptance financing;
- (5) interest actually paid by the Company or any such Consolidated Subsidiary under any Guarantee of Indebtedness or other obligation of any other Person;
- (6) costs associated with Hedging Obligations (including amortization of fees); provided, however, that if Hedging Obligations result in net benefits rather than costs, such benefits shall be credited to reduce Consolidated Interest Expense unless, pursuant to GAAP, such net benefits are otherwise reflected in Consolidated Net Income;
- (7) the product of (a) all dividends paid or payable, in cash, Cash Equivalents or Indebtedness, or accrued during such period, on any series of Disqualified Stock of such Person or on Preferred Stock of its Consolidated Subsidiaries payable to a party other than the Company or a Consolidated Subsidiary, times (b) a fraction, the numerator of which is one and the denominator of which is one minus the then current combined federal, state, provincial and local statutory tax rate of such Person, expressed as a decimal, in each case, on a consolidated basis and in accordance with GAAP;
- (8) Receivables Fees; and
- (9) the cash contributions to any employee stock ownership plan or similar trust to the extent such contributions are used by such plan or trust to pay interest or fees to any Person (other than the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries) in connection with Indebtedness Incurred by such plan or trust.

For the purpose of calculating the Consolidated Coverage Ratio, the calculation of Consolidated Interest Expense shall include all interest expense (including any amounts described in clauses (1) through (9) above) relating to any Indebtedness of the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary described in the final paragraph of the definition of Indebtedness.

For purposes of the foregoing, total interest expense will be determined (i) after giving effect to any net payments made or received by the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries with respect to Interest Rate Agreements and (ii) exclusive of amounts classified as other comprehensive income in the balance sheet of the Company. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, without duplication of clause (8) above, commissions, discounts, yield and other fees and charges Incurred in connection with any transaction pursuant to which the Company or its Consolidated Subsidiaries may sell, convey or otherwise transfer or grant a security interest in any accounts receivable or related assets shall be included in Consolidated Interest Expense.

Consolidated Net Income means, for any period, the net income (loss) of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP; *provided, however*, that there will not be included in such Consolidated Net Income on an after-tax basis (without duplication):

- (1) any net income (loss) of any Person if such Person is not a Consolidated Subsidiary or that is accounted for by the equity method of accounting, except that:
 - (a) subject to the limitations contained in clauses (3) through (6) below, the Company's equity in the net income of any such Person for such period will be included in such Consolidated Net Income up to the aggregate amount of cash actually distributed by such Person during such period to the Company or a Consolidated Subsidiary as a dividend or other distribution (subject, in the case of a dividend or other distribution to a Consolidated Subsidiary, to the limitations contained in clause (2) below); and

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(b) the Company's equity in a net loss of any such Person (other than a Consolidated Subsidiary) for such period will be included in determining such Consolidated Net Income to the extent such loss has been funded with cash from the Company or a Consolidated Subsidiary;

(2) solely for the purpose of determining the amount available for Restricted Payments under clause 4(c)(i) of Certain Covenants Limitation on Restricted Payments, any net income (but not loss) of any Non-Guarantor Restricted Subsidiary if such Subsidiary is subject to prior government approval or other restrictions due to the operation of its charter or any agreement, instrument, judgment, decree, order statute, rule or government regulation (which have not been waived), directly or indirectly, on the payment of dividends or the making of distributions by such Subsidiary, directly or indirectly, to the Company, except that:

(a) subject to the limitations contained in clauses (3) through (6) below, the Company's equity in the net income of any such Subsidiary for such period will be included in such Consolidated Net Income up to the aggregate amount of cash that could have been distributed by such Subsidiary during such period to the Company or another Restricted Subsidiary as a dividend (subject, in the case of a dividend to another Restricted Subsidiary, to the limitation contained in this clause); and

(b) the Company's equity in a net loss of any such Subsidiary for such period will be included in determining such Consolidated Net Income;

(3) (x) gains or losses from Asset Sales, (y) any effect of income (loss) from disposed or discontinued operations and any net gains or losses on disposal of disposed, abandoned or discontinued operations pursuant to Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 205-20 and (z) any non-cash impairment charge or asset-write off effected after the Issue Date in connection with the Refinancing Transactions or any acquisition or Investment pursuant to Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 350, 360 or 805, as applicable;

(4) any after-tax effect of income (loss) from the early extinguishment of Indebtedness or Hedging Obligations or other derivative instruments;

(5) any net after-tax extraordinary gain or loss;

(6) the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles;

(7) any non-cash compensation charges; and

(8) any increase in amortization or depreciation resulting from purchase accounting adjustments in connection with any acquisition consummated following the Issue Date.

Consolidated Subsidiary means, as to any Person at any date, any Subsidiary or other entity the accounts of which would be consolidated with those of such Person in its consolidated financial statements if such statements were

prepared as of such date.

Cornerstone means Cornerstone Insurance Company, a Cayman Islands corporation.

Credit Facility means, with respect to the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor, one or more debt facilities (including, without limitation, the Senior Credit Facilities) or commercial paper facilities or indentures with banks or other institutional lenders or trustees providing for revolving credit loans, term loans, receivables financing (including through the sale of receivables to such lenders or to special purpose entities formed to borrow from such lenders against such receivables) or letters of credit or issuances of notes or other debt securities, in each case, as amended, restated, modified, renewed, refunded, replaced or refinanced (including by means of sales of debt securities) in whole or in part from time to time (and whether or not with the original administrative agent and lenders or another administrative agent or agents or other lenders).

Currency Agreement means in respect of a Person any foreign exchange contract, currency swap agreement, futures contract or option contract with respect to foreign exchange rates or currency values, or other similar agreement as to which such Person is a party or a beneficiary.

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Default means any event that is, or after notice or passage of time or both would be, an Event of Default.

Designated Noncash Consideration means the fair market value of noncash consideration received by the Company or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with an Asset Sale that is so designated as Designated Noncash Consideration pursuant to an Officers' Certificate setting forth the basis of such valuation, less the amount of cash or Cash Equivalents received in connection with a subsequent sale or other disposition, redemption or payment of, on or with respect to such Designated Noncash Consideration.

Disqualified Stock means, with respect to any Person, any Capital Stock of such Person that by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible or for which it is exchangeable, in each case at the option of the holder thereof) or upon the happening of any event:

- (1) matures or is mandatorily redeemable pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise;
- (2) is convertible into or exchangeable for Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock (excluding Capital Stock which is convertible or exchangeable solely at the option of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary (it being understood that upon such conversion or exchange it shall be an Incurrence of such Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock)); or

(3) is redeemable at the option of the holder of the Capital Stock in whole or in part, in each case on or prior to the date 91 days after the earlier of the final maturity date of the Notes or the date the Notes are no longer outstanding; *provided, however*, that only the portion of Capital Stock that so matures or is mandatorily redeemable, is so convertible or exchangeable or is so redeemable at the option of the holder thereof prior to such date will be deemed to be Disqualified Stock; *provided, further* that any Capital Stock that would constitute Disqualified Stock solely because the holders thereof have the right to require the Company to repurchase such Capital Stock upon the occurrence of a change of control or asset sale shall not constitute Disqualified Stock if the terms of such Capital Stock (and all such securities into which it is convertible or for which it is ratable or exchangeable) provide that the Company may not repurchase or redeem any such Capital Stock pursuant to such provision prior to compliance by the Company with the provisions of the Indenture described under the captions **Repurchase at the Option of Holders**, **Change of Control** and **Repurchase at the Option of Holders**, **Sales of Assets and Subsidiary Stock** unless such repurchase or redemption complies with **Certain Covenants**, **Limitation on Restricted Payments**.

Domestic Wholly Owned Subsidiary means any Wholly Owned Subsidiary that is organized under the laws of any State of the United States or the District of Columbia.

Equity Offering means a public offering or private placement for cash by the Company of Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock), other than (x) public offerings with respect to the Company's Capital Stock registered on Form S-4 or S-8, (y) an issuance to any Subsidiary of the Company or (z) any offering of the Company's Common Stock issued in connection with a transaction that constitutes a Change of Control.

Exchange Act means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder.

Excluded Contribution means net cash proceeds, marketable securities or Qualified Proceeds received by the Company from (a) contributions to its common equity capital (other than through an issuance of Disqualified Stock) and (b) the sale (other than to a Restricted Subsidiary or an employee stock ownership plan or trust established by the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company for the benefit of their employees to the extent funded by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary) of Capital Stock (other than Disqualified stock) in each case of the Company and after the Issue Date, in each case designated as Excluded Contributions pursuant to an Officers Certificate on the date such capital contributions are made or the date such equity interests are sold, as the case may be.

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Excluded Partnerships means Fox Hill Village Partnership, Northridge Surgery Center, Ltd., Northridge Surgery Center Development, Ltd., Starr Farm Partnership and Triumph Medical Plaza, L.P.; *provided* that any such partnership or limited liability company shall cease to be an Excluded Partnership at such time as such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary, as defined under the Senior Credit Facilities.

Foreign Subsidiary means any Subsidiary that is not organized or existing under the laws of any State of the United States or the District of Columbia.

GAAP means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America as in effect from time to time; provided that, (x) all leases of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries that are treated as operating leases for purposes of GAAP on the Issue Date shall continue to be accounted for as operating leases for all purposes of the Indenture regardless of any change to GAAP following the Issue Date which would otherwise require such leases to be treated as Capitalized Lease Obligations. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, all terms of an accounting or financial nature used herein shall be construed, and all computations of amounts and ratios referred to herein shall be made, without giving effect to any election under Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 820 (or any other Financial Accounting Standard having a similar result or effect) to value any Indebtedness or other liabilities of the Company or any Subsidiary at fair value, as defined therein.

Guarantee means any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of any Person directly or indirectly guaranteeing any Indebtedness of any other Person and any obligation, direct or indirect, contingent or otherwise, of such Person:

- (1) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Indebtedness of such other Person (whether arising by virtue of partnership arrangements, or by agreement to keep-well, to purchase assets, properties, goods, securities or services, to take-or-pay, or to maintain financial statement conditions or otherwise); or
- (2) entered into for purposes of assuring in any other manner the obligee of such Indebtedness of the payment thereof or to protect such obligee against loss in respect thereof (in whole or in part); provided, however, that the term **Guarantee** will not include endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business. The term **Guarantee** used as a verb has a corresponding meaning.

Guarantor Pari Passu Indebtedness means Indebtedness that ranks equally in right of payment to its Subsidiary Guarantee.

Guarantor Subordinated Obligation means, with respect to a Subsidiary Guarantor, any Indebtedness of such Subsidiary Guarantor (whether outstanding on the Issue Date or thereafter Incurred) that is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the obligations of such Subsidiary Guarantor under its Subsidiary Guarantee pursuant to a written agreement.

Healthcare Facility means (i) a hospital, outpatient clinic, nursing center, assisted or independent living community, long-term care facility or any other facility that is used or useful in the provision of healthcare or custodial care services, (ii) any healthcare business affiliated or associated with a Healthcare Facility (as defined in clause (i)) or (iii) any business related or ancillary to the provision of healthcare services or the operation of a Healthcare Facility (as defined in clause (i)) including, but not limited to, pharmacy supply and services, contract therapy services, as well as hospice and home care services.

Hedging Obligations of any Person means the obligations of such Person pursuant to any Interest Rate Agreement, Currency Agreement or Commodity Agreement.

holder means a Person in whose name a Note is registered on the Registrar's books.

Incur means issue, create, assume, Guarantee, incur or otherwise become liable for; *provided, however*, that any Indebtedness or Capital Stock of a Person existing at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary

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(whether by merger, consolidation, acquisition or otherwise) will be deemed to be Incurred by such Restricted Subsidiary at the time it becomes a Restricted Subsidiary; and the terms Incurred and Incurrence have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

Indebtedness means, with respect to any Person on any date of determination (without duplication):

- (1) the principal of and premium (if any) in respect of indebtedness of such Person for borrowed money;
- (2) the principal of and premium (if any) in respect of obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments;
- (3) the principal component of all obligations of such Person in respect of letters of credit, bankers acceptances or other similar instruments (including reimbursement obligations with respect thereto except to the extent such reimbursement obligation relates to a trade payable and such obligation is satisfied within 30 days of incurrence);
- (4) the principal component of all obligations of such Person to pay the deferred and unpaid purchase price of property, which purchase price is due more than 364 days after the date of placing such property in service or taking delivery and title thereto, other than (i) any such balance that constitutes a trade payable or similar obligation to a trade creditor, in each case accrued in the ordinary course of business or (ii) any earn-out obligation until the amount of such obligation becomes a liability on the balance sheet of such Person in accordance with GAAP;
- (5) Capitalized Lease Obligations and all Attributable Indebtedness of such Person (whether or not such items would appear on the balance sheet of the guarantor or obligor);
- (6) the principal component or liquidation preference of all obligations of such Person with respect to the redemption, repayment or other repurchase of any Disqualified Stock or, with respect to any Non-Guarantor Restricted Subsidiary, any Preferred Stock (but excluding, in each case, any accrued dividends);
- (7) the principal component of all Indebtedness of other Persons secured by a Lien on any asset or property of such Person, whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by such Person; provided, however, that the amount of such Indebtedness will be the lesser of (a) the fair market value of such asset or property at such date of determination and (b) the amount of such Indebtedness of such other Persons;
- (8) the principal component of Indebtedness of other Persons to the extent Guaranteed by such Person (whether or not such items would appear on the balance sheet of the guarantor or obligor);

(9) to the extent not otherwise included in this definition, net obligations of such Person under Hedging Obligations (the amount of any such obligations to be equal at any time to the termination value of such agreement or arrangement giving rise to such Obligation that would be payable by such Person at such time); and

(10) to the extent not otherwise included in this definition, the amount of obligations outstanding under the legal documents entered into as part of a securitization transaction or series of securitization transactions that would be characterized as principal if such transaction were structured as a secured lending transaction rather than as a purchase outstanding relating to a securitization transaction or series of securitization transactions.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, neither (a) trade accounts payable nor (b) amounts owed to patients or residents arising in the ordinary course of business nor (c) obligations arising in respect of insurance policies or performance or surety bonds which are not themselves Guarantees of Indebtedness (nor drafts, acceptances or similar instruments evidencing the same nor obligations in respect of letters of credit supporting the payment of the same) nor (d) guarantees of any obligation of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to an operating lease shall constitute Indebtedness.

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The amount of Indebtedness of any Person at any date will be the outstanding balance at such date of all unconditional obligations as described above and the maximum liability, upon the occurrence of the contingency giving rise to the obligation, of any contingent obligations at such date.

Independent Financial Advisor means an accounting, appraisal, investment banking firm or consultant to Persons engaged in Similar Businesses of nationally recognized standing that is, in the good faith judgment of the Company, qualified to perform the task for which it has been engaged.

Interest Rate Agreement means, with respect to any Person any interest rate protection agreement, interest rate future agreement, interest rate option agreement, interest rate swap agreement, interest rate cap agreement, interest rate collar agreement, interest rate hedge agreement or other similar agreement or arrangement as to which such Person is party or a beneficiary.

Investment means, with respect to any Person, all investments by such Person in other Persons (including Affiliates) in the form of any direct or indirect advance, loan (other than advances or extensions of credit to customers in the ordinary course of business) or other extensions of credit (including by way of Guarantee or similar arrangement, but excluding any debt or extension of credit represented by a bank deposit other than a time deposit) or capital contribution to (by means of any transfer of cash or other property to others or any payment for property or services for the account or use of others), or any purchase or acquisition of Capital Stock, Indebtedness or other similar instruments issued by, such Person and all other investments in another Person that are or would be classified as investments on a balance sheet prepared in accordance with GAAP; *provided* that none of the following will be deemed to be an Investment:

- (1) Hedging Obligations entered into in the ordinary course of business and in compliance with the Indenture;
 - (2) endorsements of negotiable instruments and documents in the ordinary course of business; and
 - (3) an acquisition of property, assets, Capital Stock or other securities by the Company or a Subsidiary for consideration to the extent such consideration consists of Common Stock of the Company.
- For purposes of Certain Covenants Limitation on Restricted Payments,

- (1) Investment will include the portion (proportionate to the Company's equity interest in a Restricted Subsidiary to be designated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary) of the fair market value of the net assets of such Restricted Subsidiary at the time that such Restricted Subsidiary is designated an Unrestricted Subsidiary; provided, however, that upon a redesignation of such Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary, the Company will be deemed to continue to have a permanent Investment in an Unrestricted Subsidiary in an amount (if positive) equal to (a) the Company's aggregate Investment in such Subsidiary as of the time of such redesignation less (b) the portion (proportionate to the Company's equity interest in such Subsidiary) of the fair market value of the net assets (as determined in good faith by an Officer of the Company (as evidenced by an Officers Certificate)) of such Subsidiary at the time that such Subsidiary is so re-designated a Restricted Subsidiary; and

- (2) any property transferred to or from an Unrestricted Subsidiary will be valued at its fair market value at the time of such transfer (in each case, as determined in good faith by an Officer of the Company).

Investment Grade Rating means a rating equal to or higher than Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and BBB- (or the equivalent) by Standard & Poor's Ratings Group, Inc., in each case, with a stable or better outlook (or the equivalent rating from any replacement Rating Agency).

Issue Date means the date of the initial issuance of the Old Notes under the Indenture.

Lien means, with respect to any asset or property, any mortgage, lien (statutory or otherwise), pledge, hypothecation, charge, security interest, preference, priority or encumbrance of any kind in respect of such asset

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or property, whether or not filed, recorded or otherwise perfected under applicable law, including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any lease in the nature thereof, any option or other agreement to sell or give a security interest in any asset or property and any filing of or agreement to give any financing statement under the Uniform Commercial Code (or equivalent statutes) of any jurisdiction; *provided* that in no event shall an operating lease be deemed to constitute a Lien.

Master Lease Agreements means the Master Lease Agreements and any other lease agreement pursuant to which the Company and/or one or more of its Restricted Subsidiaries lease real property, in each case with any Ventas Company in effect on the Issue Date, as amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.

Minority-Owned Affiliate means any Person in which the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries owns any class of Capital Stock but is not otherwise a Consolidated Subsidiary of the Company.

Net Available Cash from an Asset Sale means the aggregate cash payments received (including any cash payments received by way of deferred payment of principal pursuant to a note or installment receivable or otherwise and net proceeds from the sale or other disposition of any securities or other assets or property received as consideration, but only as and when received, but excluding any other consideration received in the form of assumption by the acquiring Person of Indebtedness or other obligations relating to the properties or assets that are the subject of such Asset Sale or received in any other non-cash form) therefrom, in each case net of:

- (1) all legal, accounting, brokerage and investment banking fees and expenses, title and recording tax expenses, commissions and other fees, expenses and direct costs (including, without limitation, employee severance and relocation costs and expenses) Incurred, and all Federal, state, provincial, foreign and local taxes required to be paid or accrued as a liability under GAAP (after taking into account any available tax credits or deductions and any tax sharing agreements), as a consequence of such Asset Sale;
- (2) all payments made on any Indebtedness that is secured by any assets or property subject to such Asset Sale, in accordance with the terms of any Lien upon such assets or property, or which must by its terms, or in order to obtain a necessary consent to such Asset Sale, or by applicable law be repaid out of the proceeds from such Asset Sale;
- (3) all distributions and other payments required to be made to minority interest holders in Subsidiaries or joint ventures as a result of such Asset Sale;
- (4) the deduction of appropriate amounts to be provided by the seller as a reserve, in accordance with GAAP, against any liabilities associated with the assets or property disposed of in such Asset Sale and retained by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary after such Asset Sale; and
- (5) until received by the selling person, any portion of the purchase price from an Asset Sale placed in escrow or withheld by the purchaser, whether as a reserve for adjustment of the purchase price, for satisfaction of indemnities in respect of such Asset Sale or otherwise in connection with such Asset Sale.

Net Cash Proceeds, with respect to any issuance or sale of Capital Stock, means the cash proceeds of such issuance or sale net of attorneys' fees, accountants' fees, underwriters' or placement agents' fees, listing fees, discounts or commissions and brokerage, consultant and other fees and charges actually Incurred in connection with such issuance or sale (other than those payable to the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or any Affiliate of the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries except for those payable on terms and conditions as favorable to the Borrower or the applicable Restricted Subsidiary of the Borrower as would be obtainable by it in a comparable arm's length transaction with an independent, unrelated third party).

Non-Guarantor Restricted Subsidiary means any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Subsidiary Guarantor.

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Obligations means any principal, interest (including any interest accruing subsequent to the filing of a petition in bankruptcy, reorganization or similar proceeding at the rate provided for in the documentation with respect thereto, whether or not such interest is an allowed claim under applicable state, federal or foreign law), other monetary obligations, penalties, fees, indemnifications, reimbursements (including reimbursement obligations with respect to letters of credit and banker's acceptances), damages and other liabilities, and Guarantees of payment of such principal, interest, penalties, fees, indemnifications, reimbursements, damages and other liabilities, payable under the documentation governing any Indebtedness.

Officer means the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, the Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, any Executive Vice President, Senior Vice President or Vice President, the Controller, the Treasurer or the Secretary of the Company. Officer of any Subsidiary Guarantor has a correlative meaning.

Officers Certificate means a certificate signed by two Officers or by an Officer and either an Assistant Treasurer or an Assistant Secretary of the Company.

Opinion of Counsel means a written opinion from legal counsel who may be an employee of or counsel to the Company, or other counsel who is reasonably acceptable to the Trustee.

Pari Passu Indebtedness means Indebtedness that ranks equally in right of payment to the Notes.

Permitted Investment means an Investment by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in:

- (1) the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary;
- (2) any Investment by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in a Person that is engaged in a Similar Business if as a result of such Investment:
 - (a) such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary; or
 - (b) such Person, in one transaction or a series of related transactions, is merged or consolidated with or into, or transfers or conveys all or substantially all of its assets to, or is liquidated into, the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary,

and, in each case, any Investment held by such Person; *provided* that such Investment was not acquired by such Person in contemplation of such acquisition, merger, consolidation or transfer;

- (3) cash and Cash Equivalents;
- (4) receivables owing to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary created or acquired in the ordinary course of business and payable or dischargeable in accordance with customary trade terms; provided, however, that such trade terms may include such concessionary trade terms as the Company or any such Restricted Subsidiary deems reasonable under the circumstances;

- (5) commission, payroll, travel and similar advances to cover matters that are expected at the time of such advances ultimately to be treated as expenses for accounting purposes and that are made in the ordinary course of business;
- (6) loans or advances to employees, officers or directors of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices in an aggregate amount not in excess of \$5.0 million at any one time outstanding;
- (7) any Investment acquired by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries:
 - (a) in exchange for any other Investment or accounts receivable held by the Company or any such Restricted Subsidiary in connection with or as a result of a bankruptcy, workout, reorganization or recapitalization of the issuer of such other Investment or accounts receivable;

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(b) in satisfaction of judgments or in compromise, settlement or resolution of any litigation, arbitration or other dispute; or

(c) as a result of a foreclosure by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries with respect to any secured Investment or other transfer of title with respect to any secured Investment in default;

- (8) Investments made as a result of the receipt of non-cash consideration from an Asset Sale that was made pursuant to and in compliance with Repurchase at the Option of Holders Sales of Assets and Subsidiary Stock or any other disposition of assets or property not constituting an Asset Sale;
- (9) Investments (x) in existence on the Issue Date and (y) with respect to any such Investment in a Minority-Owned Affiliate in existence on the Issue Date, Investments made with net cash proceeds from any Asset Sale in respect of any such Investment in a Minority-Owned Affiliate in an amount not to exceed the book value as of the Issue Date of such sold Investment;
- (10) Currency Agreements, Interest Rate Agreements, Commodity Agreements and related Hedging Obligations, which transactions or obligations are Incurred in compliance with Certain Covenants Limitation on Indebtedness ;
- (11) Guarantees of Indebtedness issued in accordance with Certain Covenants Limitations on Indebtedness ;
- (12) Investments made in connection with the funding of contributions under any nonqualified retirement plan or similar employee compensation plan in an amount not to exceed the amount of compensation expense recognized by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with such plans;
- (13) Investments by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, when taken together with all other Investments made pursuant to this clause (13) since the Issue Date that are at that time outstanding, having an aggregate fair market value (with the fair market value of each Investment being measured at the time made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value) at the time of such Investment not to exceed the greater of (x) \$100.0 million and (y) 2.50% of Total Assets;
- (14) Investments to the extent made in exchange for the issuance of Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company;
- (15) working capital loans to, and other Investments in, Minority-Owned Affiliates and any other Investment in any Person engaged in any business related to or ancillary to the provision of healthcare services or the operation of a Healthcare Facility, so long as the aggregate amount of all Investments made after the Issue Date pursuant to this clause (15) outstanding at any time shall not exceed the greater of (x) \$250.0 million and (y) 6.50% of Total Assets determined as of the date of the most recent Investment in reliance on this

clause (15);

- (16) the licensing or contribution of intellectual property pursuant to joint marketing arrangements with other Persons, in each case in the ordinary course of business;
- (17) Investments made to repurchase or retire Capital Stock of the Company owned by any employee stock ownership plan or key employee stock ownership plan of the Company in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$7.5 million in any fiscal year;
- (18) Investments in Cornerstone of required amounts notified to the Company in writing from time to time by (i) the insurance regulatory authorities in the Cayman Islands or (ii) the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to applicable treasury rules or regulations or interpretations thereof;
- (19) Investments in and acquisitions of Healthcare Facilities and any business related to the owning, operating or managing of Healthcare Facilities (including any businesses related thereto) and any business that is a natural outgrowth or reasonable extension of any such business or is similar, reasonably related, incidental, complementary or ancillary to any of the foregoing or any business that in the Company's good faith business judgment constitutes a reasonable diversification of business

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conducted by the Company and its Subsidiaries, so long as the aggregate amount of all such Investments made after the Issue Date pursuant to this clause (19) in Persons that will not upon the applicable Investment become Restricted Subsidiaries or in assets that will not upon the applicable Investment be held by the Company or the Restricted Subsidiaries shall not (measured at the time of each Investment pursuant to this clause (19)) exceed the greater of (x) \$250.0 million and (y) 6.50% of Total Assets.

Permitted Liens means, with respect to any Person:

- (1) Liens securing Indebtedness and other obligations of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries (i) under a Credit Facility permitted to be Incurred under the Indenture under the provision described in clause (1) of the second paragraph under Certain Covenants Limitation on Indebtedness ; provided that the amount of Indebtedness permitted to be secured under this clause (i) will not be deemed to be exceeded solely as a result of changes in the Borrowing Base subsequent to the incurrence of Indebtedness secured under this clause (i), and (ii) in respect of Indebtedness in excess of the maximum amount of Indebtedness permitted to be secured by Liens pursuant to the foregoing subclause (i), so long as, in the case of this subclause (ii), immediately after giving effect to the Incurrence of such Indebtedness on the date such Indebtedness is Incurred on a pro forma basis the Secured Leverage Ratio would not exceed 3.50 to 1.00 (and Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof);
- (2) Liens by such Person under workers' compensation laws, unemployment insurance laws or similar legislation, in connection with good faith pledges or deposits in connection with bids, tenders, contracts (other than for the payment of Indebtedness) or leases, or Liens to secure public or statutory obligations of such Person or deposits of cash or United States government bonds to secure surety or appeal bonds, or deposits as security for contested taxes or import or customs duties or for the payment of rent, in each case Incurred in the ordinary course of business;
- (3) Liens imposed by law, including carriers', warehousemen's, mechanics', suppliers', vendors', materialmen's and repairmen's Liens or similar Liens, Incurred in the ordinary course of business;
- (4) Liens for taxes, assessments or other governmental charges not yet subject to penalties for non-payment or that are being contested in good faith provided appropriate reserves to the extent required pursuant to GAAP have been made in respect thereof;
- (5) Liens to secure surety, stay, appeal, indemnification, performance or similar bonds or letters of credit or bankers' acceptances or similar obligations; provided, however, that such letters of credit do not constitute Indebtedness, or Liens with respect to insurance premium financing;
- (6) survey exceptions, encumbrances, ground leases, easements or reservations of, or rights of others for, licenses, rights of way, sewers, electric lines, telegraph and telephone lines and other similar purposes, or zoning, building codes or other restrictions (including, without limitation, minor defects or irregularities in title and similar encumbrances) as to the use of real properties or Liens incidental to the conduct of the business of such Person or to the ownership of its properties that do not in the aggregate materially adversely

affect the value of said properties or materially impair their use in the operation of the business of such Person;

- (7) Liens securing Hedging Obligations so long as any related Indebtedness is permitted to be Incurred under the Indenture;
- (8) leases, licenses, subleases and sublicenses of assets or property (including, without limitation, real property and intellectual property rights) that do not materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (9) judgment and attachment Liens and Liens arising by reason of a court order or decree and notices of lis pendens and associated rights related to litigation being contested in good faith, in each case not giving rise to an Event of Default;

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- (10) Liens securing Indebtedness (including Capitalized Lease Obligations, Attributable Indebtedness, mortgage financings and purchase money obligations) permitted under clause (8) of the second paragraph under Certain Covenants Limitation on Indebtedness, which Liens cover only assets or property acquired, financed, designed, leased, constructed, repaired, maintained, installed or improved with or by such Indebtedness (including any proceeds thereof, accessions thereto and any upgrades or improvements thereto); provided that the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness secured by such Liens is otherwise permitted to be Incurred under the Indenture and does not exceed the cost of the assets or property so financed, designed, leased, constructed, repaired, maintained, installed or improved;
- (11) Liens arising solely by virtue of any statutory or common law provisions relating to banker's liens, rights of set-off, revocation, refund or chargeback or similar rights and remedies as to deposit or securities accounts or other funds or instruments maintained with a depository institution; provided that:
- (a) such deposit or securities account is not a dedicated cash collateral account and is not subject to restrictions against access by the Company in excess of those set forth by regulations promulgated by the Federal Reserve Board; and
- (b) such deposit or securities account is not intended by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary to provide Collateral to the depository institution;
- (12) Liens arising from Uniform Commercial Code financing statement filings regarding operating leases entered into by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;
- (13) Liens existing on the Issue Date (other than Liens permitted under clause (1));
- (14) Liens on property or Capital Stock of a Person at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary or is merged or consolidated with or into the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary; provided, however, that such Liens were in existence prior to such Person became a Restricted Subsidiary or merged or consolidated with or into the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary and were not Incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such event; provided further, however, that any such Lien may not extend to any other property owned by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary;
- (15) Liens on property (including Capital Stock) at the time the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary acquired the property, including any acquisition by means of a merger or consolidation with or into the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary; provided, however, that such Liens were in existence prior to such acquisition and were not Incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such acquisition; provided further, however, that such Liens do not extend to any other property owned by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary;
- (16) Liens securing Indebtedness or other obligations of the Company owing to a Restricted Subsidiary, or of a Restricted Subsidiary owing to the Company or another Restricted Subsidiary (other than a receivables entity);

- (17) Liens securing the Notes and Subsidiary Guarantees;
- (18) Liens securing Refinancing Indebtedness incurred to refinance, refund, replace, defease, amend, extend or modify, as a whole or in part, Indebtedness that was previously so secured pursuant to clauses (10), (13), (14), (15), (17) and this clause (18) of this definition; provided that any such Lien is limited to all or part of the same property or assets (plus improvements, accessions, proceeds or dividends or distributions in respect thereof) that secured (or, under the written arrangements under which the original Lien arose, could secure) the Indebtedness being refinanced or is in respect of property that is the security for a Permitted Lien hereunder;
- (19) any interest or title of a lessor under any Capitalized Lease Obligation or operating lease;
- (20) Liens in favor of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary;

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(21) Liens securing Indebtedness and other obligations (other than Subordinated Obligations and Guarantor Subordinated Obligations) in an aggregate principal amount outstanding at any one time not to exceed the greater of (x) \$50.0 million and (y) 1.25% of Total Assets;

(22) other non-consensual Liens incurred in the ordinary course of business that do not materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries;

(23) Liens that may be deemed to exist by virtue of contractual provisions that restrict the ability of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries from incurring or creating Liens on their assets or property; and

(24) Liens securing cash management obligations (that do not constitute Indebtedness) incurred in the ordinary course of business.

Person means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, government or any agency or political subdivision hereof or any other entity.

Preferred Stock, as applied to the Capital Stock of any corporation, means Capital Stock of any class or classes (however designated) that is preferred as to the payment of dividends upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up.

Qualified Proceeds means assets that are used or useful in, or Capital Stock of any Person engaged in a Similar Business; *provided* that the fair market value of any such assets or Capital Stock shall be determined by the Company in good faith.

Rating Agencies means Standard & Poor's Ratings Group, Inc. and Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or if Standard & Poor's Ratings Group, Inc. or Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or both shall not make a rating on the Notes publicly available, a nationally recognized statistical Rating Agency or agencies, as the case may be, selected by the Company (as certified by resolution of the Board of Directors) which shall be substituted for Standard & Poor's Ratings Group, Inc. or Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or both, as the case may be.

Receivable means a right to receive payment arising from a sale or lease of goods or the performance of services by a Person pursuant to an arrangement with another Person pursuant to which such other Person is obligated to pay for goods or services under terms that permit the purchase of such goods and services on credit and shall include, in any event, any items of property that would be classified as an account, chattel paper, payment intangible or instrument under the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of New York and any supporting obligations as so defined.

Receivables Fees means any fees or interest paid to purchasers or lenders providing the financing in connection with a factoring agreement or other similar agreement, including any such amounts paid by discounting the face amount of Receivables or participations therein transferred in connection with a factoring agreement or other similar arrangement, regardless of whether any such transaction is structured as on-balance sheet or off-balance sheet or through a Restricted Subsidiary or an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

Refinancing Indebtedness means Indebtedness that is Incurred to refund, refinance, replace, exchange, renew, repay or extend (including pursuant to any defeasance or discharge mechanism) (collectively, refinance, refinances and refinanced shall each have a correlative meaning) any Indebtedness existing on the Issue Date or Incurred in

compliance with the Indenture (including Indebtedness of the Company that refinances Indebtedness of any Restricted Subsidiary, Indebtedness of any Restricted Subsidiary that refinances Indebtedness of another Restricted Subsidiary or Indebtedness of any Subsidiary Guarantor that refinances

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Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor) including Indebtedness that refinances Refinancing Indebtedness, *provided, however*, that:

- (1) (a) if the Stated Maturity of the Indebtedness being refinanced is earlier than the Stated Maturity of the Notes, the Refinancing Indebtedness has a Stated Maturity no earlier than the Stated Maturity of the Indebtedness being refinanced or (b) if the Stated Maturity of the Indebtedness being refinanced is later than the Stated Maturity of the Notes, the Refinancing Indebtedness has a Stated Maturity at least 91 days later than the Stated Maturity of the Notes;
- (2) the Refinancing Indebtedness has an Average Life at the time such Refinancing Indebtedness is Incurred that is equal to or greater than the Average Life of the Indebtedness being refinanced;
- (3) such Refinancing Indebtedness is Incurred in an aggregate principal amount (or if issued with original issue discount, an aggregate issue price) that is equal to or less than the sum of the aggregate principal amount (or if issued with original issue discount, the aggregate accreted value) then outstanding of the Indebtedness being refinanced (plus, without duplication, any additional Indebtedness Incurred to pay interest or premiums (including reasonable, as determined by the Company, tender premiums), defeasance costs and fees and expenses incurred in connection therewith);
- (4) if the Indebtedness being refinanced is subordinated in right of payment to the Notes or the Subsidiary Guarantees, such Refinancing Indebtedness is subordinated in right of payment to the Notes or the Subsidiary Guarantees on terms not materially less favorable, when taken as a whole, to the holders as those contained in the documentation governing the Indebtedness being refinanced; and
- (5) Refinancing Indebtedness shall not include Indebtedness of a Non-Guarantor Restricted Subsidiary that refinances Indebtedness of the Company or a Subsidiary Guarantor.

Refinancing Transactions means, collectively, the offering of the Old Notes, the entering into of and the initial borrowings under the Senior Credit Facilities on April 9, 2014, the redemption of all the 8.25% Notes and the satisfaction and discharge thereof.

Registration Rights Agreement means the Registration Rights Agreement in respect of the Notes, dated as of the Issue Date, among the initial purchasers of the Notes, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors.

Restricted Investment means any Investment other than a Permitted Investment.

Restricted Subsidiary means any Subsidiary of the Company other than an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

Restructuring Charges means all charges and expenses caused by or attributable to any restructuring, severance, relocation, consolidation, closing, integration, business optimization or transition, signing, retention or completion bonus or curtailments or modifications to pension and post-retirement employee benefit plans.

Sale/Leaseback Transaction means an arrangement relating to property now owned or hereafter acquired whereby the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary transfers such property to a Person (other than the Company or any of its Subsidiaries) and the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary leases it from such Person.

SEC means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

Secured Indebtedness means any Indebtedness for borrowed money of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries secured by a Lien on any assets of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than (i) Hedging Obligations permitted to be Incurred pursuant to clause (7) of the second paragraph under **Certain Covenants Limitation on Indebtedness** and (ii) the Notes, to the extent secured by any such Lien).

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Secured Leverage Ratio, as of any date of determination, means the ratio of:

- (1) (a) the outstanding principal amount of Secured Indebtedness of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries as of such date on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP less (b) the aggregate amount of any unrestricted cash and Cash Equivalents, in each case that is held by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries as of such date; *provided* that such amount in this clause (b) shall not exceed \$100.0 million in the aggregate; to
- (2) Consolidated EBITDA of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries for the period of the most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters ending prior to such date for which financial statements prepared on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP are available; *provided, however*, that Consolidated EBITDA shall be determined for purposes of this definition with such *pro forma* adjustment consistent with the definition of Consolidated Coverage Ratio;
provided, further, that Cornerstone shall be disregarded for purposes of determining the Secured Leverage Ratio.

Securities Act means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder.

Senior Credit Facilities means the ABL Facility and the Term Loan Facility.

Significant Subsidiary means any Restricted Subsidiary that would be a Significant Subsidiary of the Company within the meaning of Rule 1-02 under Regulation S-X promulgated by the SEC, as in effect on the Issue Date.

Similar Business means any business conducted or proposed to be conducted by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries on the Issue Date or any business that is similar, reasonably related, incidental, complementary or ancillary thereto, or that constitutes a reasonable extension or expansion thereof.

Specified Joint Ventures means CTRH, L.L.C., Central Texas Specialty Hospital, L.L.C., Dallas LTACH, L.L.C., Greater Peoria Specialty Hospital, L.L.C., Rhode Island Specialty Hospital, L.L.C., St. Luke's Rehabilitation Hospital, L.L.C. and The Specialty Hospital, L.L.C.

Stated Maturity means, with respect to any security, the date specified in the agreement governing or certificate relating to such Indebtedness as the fixed date on which the final payment of principal of such security is due and payable, including pursuant to any mandatory redemption provision, but shall not include any contingent obligations to repay, redeem or repurchase any such principal prior to the date originally scheduled for the payment thereof.

Subordinated Obligation means any Indebtedness of the Company (whether outstanding on the Issue Date or thereafter Incurred) that is subordinated or junior in right of payment to the Notes pursuant to a written agreement.

Subsidiary of any Person means (a) any corporation, association or other business entity (other than a partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or similar entity) of which more than 50% of the total ordinary voting power of shares of Capital Stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof (or Persons performing similar functions) or (b) any partnership, joint venture limited liability company or similar entity of which more than 50% of the capital accounts, distribution rights, total equity and voting interests or general or limited partnership interests, as applicable, is, in the case of clauses (a) and

(b), at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by (1) such Person, (2) such Person and one or more Subsidiaries of such Person or (3) one or more Subsidiaries of such Person. Unless otherwise specified herein, each reference to a Subsidiary will refer to a Subsidiary of the Company.

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Subsidiary Guarantee means, individually, any Guarantee of payment of the Notes and exchange notes issued in a registered exchange offer pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement by a Subsidiary Guarantor pursuant to the terms of the Indenture and any supplemental indenture thereto, and, collectively, all such Guarantees. Each such Subsidiary Guarantee will be in the form prescribed by the Indenture.

Subsidiary Guarantor means each Restricted Subsidiary in existence on the Issue Date that provides a Subsidiary Guarantee on the Issue Date (and any other Restricted Subsidiary that provides a Subsidiary Guarantee in accordance with the Indenture); provided that upon release or discharge of such Restricted Subsidiary from its Subsidiary Guarantee in accordance with the Indenture, such Restricted Subsidiary ceases to be a Subsidiary Guarantor.

Term Loan Facility means the credit facility provided under the Term Loan Credit Agreement dated as of June 1, 2011 among the Company, the lenders party thereto from time to time in their capacities as lenders thereunder, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent and collateral agent, or other financing arrangements (including, without limitation, commercial paper facilities or indentures) providing for revolving credit loans, term loans, letters of credit or other long-term indebtedness, including any notes, mortgages, guarantees, collateral documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection therewith, and any amendments, supplements, modifications, extensions, amendment and restatements, replacements, renewals, restatements, refundings or refinancings thereof and any one or more indentures or credit facilities or commercial paper facilities with banks or other institutional lenders or investors that extend, replace, refund, refinance, renew or defease any part of the loans, notes, other credit facilities or commitments thereunder, including any such replacement, refunding or refinancing facility or indenture that increases the amount borrowable thereunder (*provided* that such increase in borrowing is permitted under **Certain Covenants Limitation on Indebtedness**) or alters the maturity thereof or adds Restricted Subsidiaries as additional borrowers or guarantors thereunder and whether by the same or any other agent, lender or group of lenders.

Total Assets means, at any date, the total consolidated assets of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries (but excluding Cornerstone), as shown on the most recent balance sheet of the Company available on such date.

Treasury Rate means the yield to maturity at the time of computation of United States Treasury securities with a constant maturity (as compiled and published in the most recent Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (519) that has become publicly available at least two Business Days prior to the redemption date (or, if such Statistical Release is no longer published, any publicly available source or similar market data)) most nearly equal to the period from the redemption date to April 15, 2017; *provided, however*, that if the period from the redemption date to April 15, 2017 is not equal to the constant maturity of a United States Treasury security for which a weekly average yield is given, the Treasury Rate shall be obtained by linear interpolation (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth of a year) from the weekly average yields of United States Treasury securities for which such yields are given, except that if the period from the redemption date to April 15, 2017 is less than one year, the weekly average yield on actually traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year will be used.

Unrestricted Subsidiary means:

- (1) Cornerstone, each Excluded Partnership that is a Subsidiary and each Specified Joint Venture;
- (2) any Subsidiary of the Company that at the time of determination shall be designated an Unrestricted Subsidiary by the Company in the manner provided below; and

(3) any Subsidiary of an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

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The Company may designate any Subsidiary of the Company (including any newly acquired or newly formed Subsidiary or a Person becoming a Subsidiary through merger or consolidation or Investment therein) to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary only if:

- (1) such Subsidiary or any of its Subsidiaries has not Guaranteed any Capital Stock or Indebtedness of or have any Investment in, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary and does not hold any Liens on any property or assets of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary;
- (2) (a) the aggregate fair market value of all outstanding Investments of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in such Subsidiary complies with Certain Covenants Limitation on Restricted Payments or constitutes a Permitted Investment and (b) the sum of (i) the total assets of such Subsidiary (or, if any such Subsidiary itself has Subsidiaries, the consolidated total assets of such Subsidiary and its Consolidated Subsidiaries) and the total assets of every other Unrestricted Subsidiary (other than Cornerstone, the Specified Joint Ventures and Excluded Partnerships that are Subsidiaries), in each case determined as of the date of the most recent designation of a Person as an Unrestricted Subsidiary and (ii) the amount of any Investments made in the Specified Joint Ventures after the Issue Date (determined as of the date of such designation in accordance with the definition of Investment), does not exceed 5% of the Total Assets of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries;
- (3) such Subsidiary is a Person with respect to which neither the Company nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries has any direct or indirect obligation to maintain or preserve such Person's financial condition or to cause such Person to achieve any specified levels of operating results; and
- (4) except as permitted by the covenant above under the caption Certain Covenants Limitation on Affiliate Transactions, on the date such Subsidiary is designated an Unrestricted Subsidiary, such Subsidiary is not a party to any agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding with the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary with terms substantially less favorable to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, when taken as a whole, than those that would have been obtained from Persons who are not Affiliates of the Company.

Any such designation by the Company after the Issue Date shall be evidenced to the Trustee by filing with the Trustee an Officers Certificate certifying that such designation complies with the foregoing conditions. If, at any time, any Unrestricted Subsidiary would fail to meet the foregoing requirements as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, it shall thereafter cease to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary for purposes of the Indenture and any Indebtedness of such Subsidiary shall be deemed to be Incurred as of such date.

The Company may designate any Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary; *provided* that immediately after giving effect to such designation, no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a consequence thereof and the Indebtedness of such Restricted Subsidiary would be permitted under Certain Covenants Limitation on Indebtedness on a pro forma basis taking into account such designation assuming such Indebtedness was Incurred on the date of such designation.

U.S. Government Obligations means securities that are (a) direct obligations of the United States of America for the timely payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged or (b) obligations of a Person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America the timely payment of that is

unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation of the United States of America, which, in either case, are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof.

Ventas Company means Ventas, Inc., a Delaware corporation, or any of its Subsidiaries.

Voting Stock of a Person means all classes of Capital Stock of such Person then outstanding and normally entitled to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees, as applicable, of such Person.

Wholly Owned Subsidiary means a Restricted Subsidiary, all of the Capital Stock of which (other than directors qualifying shares) is owned by the Company or another Wholly Owned Subsidiary.

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FORM, BOOK-ENTRY PROCEDURES AND TRANSFER

General

The New Notes will be issued in fully registered global form. The New Notes initially will be represented by one or more global certificates without interest coupons (the "global notes"). The global notes will be deposited upon issuance with the Trustee as custodian for DTC and registered in the name of DTC or its nominee for credit to the accounts of direct or indirect participants in DTC, as described below under "Depositary Procedures."

The global notes will be deposited on behalf of the acquirers of the New Notes for credit to the respective accounts of the acquirers or to such other accounts as they may direct. Except as described below, the global notes may be transferred, in whole and not in part, only to another nominee of DTC or to a successor of DTC or its nominee. Beneficial interests in the global notes may not be exchanged for the New Notes in certificated form except in the limited circumstances described below under "Exchange of Book-Entry Notes for Certificated Notes."

Transfers of beneficial interests in the global notes will be subject to the applicable rules and procedures of DTC and its direct or indirect participants, which may change from time to time.

Depositary Procedures

The following description of the operations and procedures of DTC is provided solely as a matter of convenience. These operations and procedures are solely within the control of the respective settlement systems and are subject to changes by them. We take no responsibility for these operations and procedures and urge investors to contact the systems or their participants directly to discuss these matters.

DTC has advised us that it is:

a limited purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law;

a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law;

a member of the U.S. Federal Reserve System;

a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code; and

a clearing agency registered under Section 17A of the Exchange Act.

DTC was created to hold securities for its participating organizations (collectively, the "participants") and facilitate the clearance and settlement of transactions in those securities between participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of its participants. The participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. Access to DTC's system is also available to other entities such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, either directly or indirectly (collectively, the "indirect participants"). Persons who are not participants may beneficially own

securities held by or on behalf of DTC only through participants or indirect participants. DTC has no knowledge of the identity of beneficial owners of securities held by or on behalf of DTC. DTC's records reflect only the identity of participants to whose accounts securities are credited. The ownership interests and transfer of ownership interests of each beneficial owner of each security held by or on behalf of DTC are recorded on the records of the participants and indirect participants.

DTC has also advised us that, pursuant to procedures established by DTC, ownership of interests in the global notes will be shown on, and the transfer of ownership of such interest will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC (with respect to the participants) or by the participants and the indirect participants (with respect to other owners of beneficial interests in the global notes).

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Investors in the global notes may hold their interests therein directly through DTC if they are participants in such system or indirectly through organizations that are participants or indirect participants in such system. All interests in the global notes will be subject to the procedures and requirements of DTC. The laws of some states require that certain persons take physical delivery of certificates evidencing securities they own. Consequently, the ability to transfer beneficial interests in the global notes to such persons will be limited to that extent. Because DTC can act only on behalf of participants, which in turn act on behalf of indirect participants, the ability of beneficial owners of interests in the global notes to pledge such interests to persons or entities that do not participate in the DTC system, or otherwise take actions in respect of such interests, may be affected by the lack of a physical certificate evidencing such interests.

Except as described below, owners of interests in the global notes will not have New Notes registered in their names, will not receive physical delivery of the New Notes in certificated form and will not be considered the registered owners or holders thereof under the indenture for any purpose.

Payments in respect of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the global notes registered in the name of DTC or its nominee will be payable by the Trustee (or the paying agent if other than the Trustee) to DTC in its capacity as the registered holder under the indenture. We and the Trustee will treat the persons in whose names the New Notes, including the global notes, are registered as the owners thereof for the purpose of receiving such payments and for any and all other purposes whatsoever. Consequently, none of us, the Trustee or any agent of ours or the Trustee has or will have any responsibility or liability for:

any aspect of DTC's records or any participant's or indirect participant's records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the global notes, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any of DTC's records or any participant's or indirect participant's records relating to the beneficial ownership interests in the global notes; or

any other matter relating to the actions and practices of DTC or any of its participants or indirect participants.

DTC has advised us that its current practice, upon receipt of any payment in respect of securities such as the New Notes (including principal and interest), is to credit the accounts of the relevant participants with the payment on the payment date in amounts proportionate to their respective holdings in the principal amount of the relevant security as shown on the records of DTC, unless DTC has reason to believe it will not receive payment on such payment date. Payments by the participants and the indirect participants to the beneficial owners of New Notes will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices and will be the responsibility of the participants or the indirect participants and will not be the responsibility of DTC, the Trustee or us. Neither we nor the Trustee will be liable for any delay by DTC or any of its participants in identifying the beneficial owners of the New Notes, and we and the Trustee may conclusively rely on and will be protected in relying on instructions from DTC or its nominee for all purposes.

Interests in the global notes are expected to be eligible to trade in DTC's Same-Day Funds Settlement System and secondary market trading activity in such interests will therefore settle in immediately available funds, subject in all cases to the rules and procedures of DTC and its participants.

DTC has advised us that it will take any action permitted to be taken by a holder of New Notes only at the direction of one or more participants to whose account with DTC interests in the global notes are credited and only in respect of

such portion of the aggregate principal amount of the New Notes as to which such participant or participants has or have given such direction.

Although DTC has agreed to the foregoing procedures to facilitate transfers of interests in the global notes among participants in DTC, it is under no obligation to perform or to continue to perform such procedures, and the procedures may be discontinued at any time. Neither we nor the Trustee will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC or its participants or indirect participants of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

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The information in this section concerning DTC and its book-entry system has been obtained from sources that we believe to be reliable, but we take no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

Exchange of Book-Entry Notes for Certificated Notes

If (i) DTC is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as depository and a successor depository is not appointed by us within 90 days, (ii) DTC has ceased to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and a successor depository is not appointed by us within 90 days, (iii) we, at our option, notify the Trustee in writing that we elect to cause the issuance of the notes in the form of certificated notes, or (iv) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, upon request by the holders of the notes, we will issue notes in certificated form in exchange for global securities. The indenture permits us to determine at any time and in our sole discretion that notes shall no longer be represented by global securities. DTC has advised us that, under its current practices, it would notify its participants of our request, but will only withdraw beneficial interests from the global security at the request of each DTC participant. We would issue definitive certificates in exchange for any beneficial interests withdrawn.

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CERTAIN U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following is a summary of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations of the exchange offer and the ownership and disposition of the New Notes issued pursuant to the exchange offer. The summary is based on laws, regulations, rulings and decisions now in effect, all of which are subject to change (possibly with retroactive effect). The discussion does not deal with special classes of investors, such as dealers in securities or currencies, banks, financial institutions, insurance companies, tax-exempt entities, entities classified as partnerships and the partners therein, persons holding notes as a position in a straddle or conversion transaction, or as part of a synthetic security or other integrated financial transaction or persons that have a functional currency other than the U.S. dollar. This summary addresses only holders that purchased the Old Notes upon their original issue from the initial purchaser at the issue price and that hold the notes as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code). This summary does not address any U.S. taxes other than U.S. federal income taxes (such as estate or gift taxes), the tax on net investment income, or any state, local or foreign tax laws. Holders should consult their tax advisors as to the particular tax consequences of participating in the exchange offer and holding and disposing of the New Notes. As used in this prospectus, the term U.S. Holder means a beneficial owner of notes that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States or a domestic corporation or otherwise subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis in respect of the notes.

U.S. Holders

The following is a summary of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations relevant to a beneficial owner of the notes that is a U.S. Holder participating in the exchange offer. A non-U.S. person whose income in respect of the notes is effectively connected with its conduct of a trade or business in the United States is a U.S. Holder. Such persons should consult their own tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal income tax considerations (including the potential application of the branch profits tax) applicable to participating in the exchange offer and owning and disposing of the notes.

Participating in the Exchange Offer

Neither the registration of the exchange offer pursuant to our obligations under the Registration Rights Agreement nor your receipt of the New Notes in exchange for the Old Notes will constitute a taxable event for U.S. federal income tax purposes. U.S. Holders will retain the tax basis in the New Notes that the U.S. Holder had in the Old Notes, and the U.S. Holder's holding period for the New Notes will include the U.S. Holder's holding period for the Old Notes before such Old Notes were registered.

Payments of Stated Interest on the New Notes

Stated interest on a New Note will generally be taxable to a U.S. Holder as ordinary income at the time it is paid or accrued in accordance with the U.S. Holder's regular method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Sale, Redemption, Retirement or Other Taxable Disposition of the New Notes

U.S. Holders must recognize taxable gain or loss on the sale, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of a New Note. The amount of such gain or loss will generally equal the difference between the amount received for the New Note (less amounts attributable to accrued but unpaid stated interest, which will be taxable as such) and the adjusted tax basis of the New Note. A U.S. Holder's adjusted basis in a New Note generally will be the amount the U.S. Holder paid for the Old Note that was exchanged for such New Note. Any such gain or loss will generally constitute capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if such New Note was held for more than one

year (including the U.S. Holder's holding period for the Old Note). Long-term capital gains of non-corporate holders are generally eligible for reduced rates of taxation, and the deductibility of capital losses is subject to certain limitations.

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Non-U.S. Holders

The following is a summary of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations to a beneficial owner of the notes participating in the exchange offer that is not a U.S. Holder (a Non-U.S. Holder).

Participating in the Exchange Offer

Neither the registration of the exchange offer pursuant to our obligations under the Registration Rights Agreement nor your receipt of the New Notes in exchange for the Old Notes will constitute a taxable event for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Non-U.S. Holders will recognize income in respect of the New Notes at the same time and in the same amounts as the Non-U.S. Holder would have recognized such income in respect of the Old Notes had the exchange offer not occurred.

Payments of Stated Interest on the New Notes

If you are a Non-U.S. Holder, you will not be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax on payments of interest on the New Notes, provided that you (a) do not actually or constructively own 10% or more of the combined voting power of all classes of our stock that are entitled to vote, (b) are not a controlled foreign corporation related to us through actual or constructive equity ownership, and (c) have provided the applicable Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form W-8, properly completed and signed under penalties of perjury, establishing your status as a Non-U.S. Holder. If the foregoing requirements are not met, payments of interest will generally be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax, unless you provide the applicable IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E, signed under penalties of perjury, claiming an exemption from or reduction in withholding pursuant to an applicable income tax treaty.

If you are a Non-U.S. Holder, you generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax or withholding tax on gain realized on the sale, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of the New Notes unless, in the case of gain realized by an individual Non-U.S. Holder, the Non-U.S. Holder is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the disposition and certain other conditions are met.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Payments of interest on and the proceeds from the sale, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of the New Notes generally will be subject to information reporting unless the recipient is a corporation or comes within certain other exempt categories and demonstrates this fact. A U.S. Holder that is not exempt from information reporting may be subject to backup withholding unless such U.S. Holder provides a correct taxpayer identification number, certifies as to no loss of exemption from backup withholding and otherwise complies with applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules. Backup withholding generally will not apply to payments made to a Non-U.S. Holder unless the holder fails to provide the certification on the applicable IRS Form W-8 or otherwise does not provide evidence of non-U.S. status. Copies of information returns reporting payments to a Non-U.S. Holder may be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which the Non-U.S. Holder resides under the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. The amount of any backup withholding will be allowed as a credit against your U.S. federal income tax liability and may entitle you to a refund, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Each broker-dealer that receives the New Notes for its own account pursuant to the exchange offer must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such New Notes. This prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of the New Notes received in exchange for the Old Notes, where such Old Notes were acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. For a period of 120 days after the Expiration Date, we will make this prospectus, as amended or supplemented, available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any such resale.

We will not receive any proceeds from any sale of the New Notes by broker-dealers. The New Notes received by broker-dealers for their own account pursuant to the exchange offer may be sold from time to time in one or more transactions in the over-the-counter market, in negotiated transactions, through the writing of options on the New Notes or a combination of such methods of resale, at market prices prevailing at the time of resale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or negotiated prices. Any such resale may be made directly to purchasers or to or through brokers or dealers who may receive compensation in the form of commissions or concessions from any such broker-dealer and/or the purchasers of any such New Notes. Any broker-dealer that resells the New Notes that were received by it for its own account pursuant to the exchange offer and any broker or dealer that participates in a distribution of such New Notes may be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act and any profit of any such resale of the New Notes and any commissions or concessions received by any such persons may be deemed to be underwriting compensation under the Securities Act. The letter of transmittal states that by acknowledging that it will deliver and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act.

We have agreed to pay all expenses incident to the exchange offer (including the expenses of one counsel for the holders of the notes) other than commissions or concessions of any brokers or dealers and will indemnify the holders of the notes (including any broker-dealers) against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We will not receive any proceeds from the issuance of the New Notes in the exchange offer. In consideration for issuing the New Notes, we will receive the Old Notes in like principal amount. The Old Notes surrendered in exchange for the New Notes will be retired and cancelled.

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters with respect to the validity of the New Notes and the related guarantees will be passed upon for us by Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, New York, New York and Joseph L. Landenwich, Esq., Co-General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Kindred Healthcare, Inc. Mr. Landenwich owns shares of common stock, shares of restricted stock, performance-based stock units and options exercisable to purchase shares of common stock of Kindred Healthcare, Inc.

EXPERTS

The financial statements incorporated in this prospectus by reference to Kindred Healthcare, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 14, 2014 and the financial statement schedule and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Kindred Healthcare, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2013 have been so

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incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The consolidated financial statements of RehabCare Group, Inc. as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2010, incorporated in this prospectus by reference to Kindred Healthcare, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 4, 2011, have been incorporated by reference in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, which report appears in Kindred Healthcare, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 4, 2011, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The audit report covering the December 31, 2010 consolidated financial statements of RehabCare Group, Inc. refers to the adoption of FASB Financial Accounting Standards No. 141(R), Business Combinations (included in FASB ASC Topic 805, Business Combinations), as of January 1, 2009.

The financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this prospectus by reference to Gentiva Health Services, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2013 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report (which contains an explanatory paragraph relating to Gentiva Health Services, Inc.'s restatement of its financial statements as described in Note 2 to the financial statements, an adverse opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting and an explanatory paragraph on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting due to the exclusion of certain elements of the internal control over financial reporting of Harden Healthcare Holdings, Inc. which Gentiva Health Services, Inc. acquired as of December 31, 2013) of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The combined financial statements of Harden Healthcare Holdings, Inc. Net Assets Sold (Certain Assets, Liabilities and Operations Related to the Harden Home Health and Hospice Divisions) incorporated by reference in Gentiva Health Services, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K/A (Amendment No. 1) (Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 only) filed on December 23, 2013, for the year ended December 31, 2012, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditors, as set forth in their report thereon, included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such combined financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

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Annex A

THIS DOCUMENT IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. If you are in any doubt as to the action to be taken, you should immediately consult your broker, bank manager, lawyer, accountant, investment advisor or other professional adviser.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Relating to

Kindred Healthcare, Inc.

Offer to Exchange

Any and all of their outstanding unregistered 6.375% Senior Notes due 2022 (CUSIP Nos. 494580 AC7 and U4946L AA7) for \$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its new 6.375% Senior Notes due 2022 that have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act")

This document relates to the exchange offer (the "Exchange Offer") made by Kindred Healthcare, Inc. (the "Issuer") to exchange any and all of its unregistered \$500,000,000 6.375% Senior Notes due 2022 (the "Old Notes") for new 6.375% Senior Notes due 2022 (the "New Notes") that have been registered under the Securities Act. The Exchange Offer is described in the Prospectus dated December 29, 2014 (the "Prospectus") and in this letter of transmittal (this "Letter of Transmittal"). All terms and conditions contained in, or otherwise referred to in, the Prospectus are deemed to be incorporated in, and form a part of, this Letter of Transmittal. Therefore you are urged to read carefully the Prospectus and the items referred to therein. The terms and conditions contained in the Prospectus, together with the terms and conditions governing this Letter of Transmittal and the instructions herein, are collectively referred to herein as the terms and conditions.

The Exchange Offer will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on January 28, 2015, unless extended by the Issuer (such date and time, as they may be extended, the "Expiration Date"). Tendered Old Notes may be withdrawn at any time prior to the expiration of the Exchange Offer.

Upon the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions to the acceptance of the Old Notes set forth in the Prospectus under "Description of the Exchange Offer" "Conditions to the Exchange Offer," the Issuer will accept for settlement the Old Notes that have been validly tendered (and not subsequently validly withdrawn). This acceptance date is referred to as the "Acceptance Date." The Issuer will deliver the New Notes on a date (the "Settlement Date") as soon as practicable after the Expiration Date.

The Exchange Agent for the Exchange Offer is:

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association

Registered & Certified Mail:

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Corporate Trust Operations
MAC N9303-121

Regular Mail or Courier:

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Corporate Trust Operations
MAC N9303-121

In Person by Hand Only:

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Corporate Trust Services
Northstar East Building 12th Floor

Edgar Filing: IntegraCare of West Texas-Hospice, LLC - Form 424B3

P.O. Box 1517
Minneapolis, MN 55480

6th St. & Marquette Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55479
or

608 Second Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55402

By Facsimile Transmission:

(612) 667-6282

Attention: Corporate Trust Operations

or

By Telephone:

(800) 344-5128

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This Letter of Transmittal is to be used by holders of the Old Notes. Tender of the Old Notes is to be made using the Automated Tender Offer Program (ATOP) of The Depository Trust Company (DTC) pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Prospectus under the caption Description of the Exchange Offer Procedures for Tendering. DTC participants that are accepting the Exchange Offer must transmit their acceptance to DTC, which will verify the acceptance and execute a book-entry delivery to the Exchange Agent's DTC account. DTC will then send a computer-generated message known as an agent's message to the Exchange Agent for its acceptance. For you to validly tender your Old Notes in the Exchange Offer, the Exchange Agent must receive, prior to the Expiration Date, an agent's message under the ATOP procedures that confirms that:

DTC has received your instructions to tender your Old Notes; and

You agree to be bound by the terms of this Letter of Transmittal.

By using the ATOP procedures to tender the Old Notes, you will not be required to deliver this Letter of Transmittal to the Exchange Agent. However, you will be bound by its terms, and you will be deemed to have made the acknowledgments and the representations and warranties it contains, just as if you had signed it.

The New Notes will be issued in full exchange for the Old Notes in the Exchange Offer, if consummated, on the Settlement Date and will be delivered in book-entry form.

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Please read the accompanying instructions carefully.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the Exchange Offer, the undersigned hereby tenders to the Issuer the aggregate principal amount of Old Notes credited by the undersigned to the Exchange Agent's account at DTC using ATOP.

The undersigned understands that validly tendered Old Notes (or defectively tendered Old Notes with respect to which the Issuer has waived such defect or caused such defect to be waived) will be deemed to have been accepted by the Issuer if, as and when the Issuer gives oral or written notice thereof to the Exchange Agent. The undersigned understands that, subject to the terms and conditions, the Old Notes properly tendered and accepted (and not validly withdrawn) in accordance with the terms and conditions will be exchanged for the New Notes. The undersigned understands that, under certain circumstances, the Issuer may not be required to accept any of the Old Notes tendered (including any such Old Notes tendered after the Expiration Date). If any Old Notes are not accepted for exchange for any reason (or if the Old Notes are validly withdrawn), such Old Notes will be returned, without expense, to the undersigned's account at DTC or such other account as designated herein, pursuant to the book-entry transfer procedures described in the Prospectus, as promptly as practicable after the expiration or termination of the Exchange Offer.

By tendering the Old Notes in the Exchange Offer, the undersigned acknowledges that the Exchange Offer is being made based upon the Issuer's understanding of an interpretation by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") as set forth in no-action letters issued to other parties, including *Exxon Capital Holdings Corporation*, SEC No-Action Letter (available May 13, 1988), *Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated*, SEC No-Action Letter (available June 5, 1991) and *Shearman & Sterling*, SEC No-Action Letter (available July 2, 1993), that the New Notes issued in exchange for the Old Notes pursuant to the Exchange Offer may be offered for resale, resold and otherwise transferred by each holder thereof (other than a broker-dealer who acquires such New Notes directly from the Issuer for resale pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act or any other available exemption under the Securities Act or any such holder that is an "affiliate" of the Issuer within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act), without compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery provisions of the Securities Act, provided that such New Notes are acquired in the ordinary course of such holder's business and such holder is not engaged in, and does not intend to engage in, a distribution of such New Notes and has no arrangement with any person to participate in the distribution of such New Notes. If the undersigned is not a broker-dealer, the undersigned represents that it acquires the New Notes in the ordinary course of its business, it is not engaged in, and does not intend to engage in, a distribution of the New Notes and it has no arrangements or understandings with any person to participate in a distribution of the New Notes. If the undersigned is a broker-dealer that will receive the New Notes for its own account in exchange for the Old Notes, it represents that the Old Notes to be exchanged for the New Notes were acquired by it as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities and acknowledges that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such New Notes; however, by so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, the undersigned will not be deemed to admit that it is an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act.

Upon agreement to the terms of this Letter of Transmittal pursuant to an agent's message, the undersigned, or the beneficial holder of the Old Notes on behalf of which the undersigned has tendered, will, subject to that holder's ability to withdraw its tender, and subject to the terms and conditions of the Exchange Offer generally, hereby:

irrevocably sell, assign and transfer to or upon the order of the Issuer or its nominee all right, title and interest in and to, and any and all claims in respect of or arising or having arisen as a result of the undersigned's status as a holder of, all Old Notes tendered hereby, such that thereafter it shall have no contractual or other rights or claims in law or equity against the Issuer or any fiduciary, trustee, fiscal agent or other person connected with the Old Notes arising under, from or in connection with such Old Notes;

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waive any and all rights with respect to the Old Notes tendered hereby, including, without limitation, any existing or past defaults and their consequences in respect of such Old Notes; and

release and discharge the Issuer, the Guarantors and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as the trustee for the Old Notes from any and all claims the undersigned may have, now or in the future, arising out of or related to the Old Notes tendered hereby, including, without limitation, any claims that the undersigned is entitled to receive additional principal or interest payments with respect to the Old Notes tendered hereby, other than as expressly provided in the Prospectus and in this Letter of Transmittal, or to participate in any redemption or defeasance of the Old Notes tendered hereby.

The undersigned understands that tenders of the Old Notes pursuant to the procedures described in the Prospectus and in this Letter of Transmittal and acceptance of such Old Notes by the Issuer will, following such acceptance, constitute a binding agreement between the undersigned and the Issuer upon the terms and conditions.

By tendering the Old Notes in the Exchange Offer, the undersigned represents, warrants and agrees that:

it has received the Prospectus;

it is the beneficial owner (as defined below) of, or a duly authorized representative of one or more beneficial owners of, the Old Notes tendered hereby, and it has full power and authority to execute this Letter of Transmittal;

the Old Notes being tendered hereby were owned as of the date of tender, free and clear of any liens, charges, claims, encumbrances, interests and restrictions of any kind, and the Issuer will acquire good, indefeasible and unencumbered title to such Old Notes, free and clear of all liens, charges, claims, encumbrances, interests and restrictions of any kind, when the Issuer accepts the same;

it will not sell, pledge, hypothecate or otherwise encumber or transfer any Old Notes tendered hereby from the date of this Letter of Transmittal, and any purported sale, pledge, hypothecation or other encumbrance or transfer will be void and of no effect;

in evaluating the Exchange Offer and in making its decision whether to participate in the Exchange Offer by tendering its Old Notes, the undersigned has made its own independent appraisal of the matters referred to in the Prospectus and this Letter of Transmittal and in any related communications and it is not relying on any statement, representation or warranty, express or implied, made to such holder by the Issuer or the Exchange Agent, other than those contained in the Prospectus, as amended or supplemented through the Expiration Date;

the execution and delivery of this Letter of Transmittal shall constitute an undertaking to execute any further documents and give any further assurances that may be required in connection with any of the foregoing, in each case on and subject to the terms and conditions described or referred to in the Prospectus;

the agreement to the terms of this Letter of Transmittal pursuant to an agent's message shall, subject to the terms and conditions of the Exchange Offer, constitute the irrevocable appointment of the Exchange Agent as its attorney and agent and an irrevocable instruction to such attorney and agent to complete and execute all or any forms of transfer and other documents at the discretion of that attorney and agent in relation to the Old Notes tendered hereby in favor of the Issuer or any other person or persons as the Issuer may direct and to deliver such forms of transfer and other documents in the attorney's and agent's discretion and the certificates and other documents of title relating to the registration of such Old Notes and to execute all other documents and to do all other acts and things as may be in the opinion of that attorney or agent necessary or expedient for the purpose of, or in connection with, the acceptance of the Exchange Offer, and to vest in the Issuer or their nominees such Old Notes;

the terms and conditions of the Exchange Offer shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and form a part of, this Letter of Transmittal, which shall be read and construed accordingly;

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it is acquiring the New Notes in the ordinary course of its business;

it is not participating in, and does not intend to participate in, a distribution of the New Notes within the meaning of the Securities Act and has no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in a distribution of the New Notes within the meaning of the Securities Act;

it is not a broker-dealer who acquired the Old Notes directly from the Issuer; and

it is not an affiliate of the Issuer, within the meaning of Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

The representations, warranties and agreements of a holder tendering the Old Notes shall be deemed to be repeated and reconfirmed on and as of the Expiration Date and the Settlement Date. For purposes of this Letter of Transmittal, the beneficial owner of any Old Notes means any holder that exercises investment discretion with respect to such Old Notes.

The undersigned understands that tenders may not be withdrawn at any time after the Expiration Date, except as set forth in the Prospectus, unless the Exchange Offer is amended with changes to the terms and conditions that are, in the reasonable judgment of the Issuer, materially adverse to the tendering holders, in which case tenders may be withdrawn under the conditions described in the extension.

If the Exchange Offer is amended in a manner determined by the Issuer to constitute a material change, the Issuer will extend the Exchange Offer for a period of two to ten business days, depending on the significance of the amendment and the manner of disclosure to such holders, if the Exchange Offer would otherwise have expired during such two to ten business day period.

All authority conferred or agreed to be conferred in this Letter of Transmittal and every obligation of the undersigned hereunder shall be binding upon the undersigned's successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, trustees in bankruptcy and legal representatives of the undersigned and shall not be affected by, and shall survive, the death or incapacity of the undersigned.

Name:

Amount Tendered (if less than all):

Address:

Name of Tendering Institution:

Account Number:

Transaction Code Number:

By crediting the Old Notes to the Exchange Agent's account at DTC using ATOP and by complying with applicable ATOP procedures with respect to the Exchange Offer, the participant in DTC confirms on behalf of itself and the beneficial owners of such Old Notes all provisions of this Letter of Transmittal (including all representations and warranties) applicable to it and such beneficial owner as fully as if it had completed the information required herein

and executed and transmitted this Letter of Transmittal to the Exchange Agent.

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**INSTRUCTIONS FORMING PART OF
THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE EXCHANGE OFFER**

1. Book-Entry Confirmations

Any confirmation of a book-entry transfer to the Exchange Agent's account at DTC of the Old Notes tendered by book-entry transfer, as well as an agent's message, and any other documents required by this Letter of Transmittal, must be received by the Exchange Agent at its address set forth on the cover page of this Letter of Transmittal prior to the Expiration Date.

2. Validity of Tenders

The Issuer will determine in their sole discretion all questions as to the validity, form, eligibility, time of receipt, acceptance of tendered Old Notes and withdrawal of tendered Old Notes. The Issuer's determination will be final and binding. The Issuer reserves the absolute right to reject any Old Notes not properly tendered or any acceptance of the Old Notes that would, in the opinion of its counsel, be unlawful. The Issuer also reserves the right to waive any defect, irregularities or conditions of tender as to particular Old Notes. The Issuer's interpretation of the terms and conditions of the Exchange Offer, including the instructions in this Letter of Transmittal, will be final and binding on all parties. Unless waived, all defects or irregularities in connection with tenders of the Old Notes must be cured within such time as the Issuer shall determine. Although the Issuer intends to notify holders of defects or irregularities with respect to tenders of the Old Notes, none of the Issuer, the Exchange Agent and any other person will incur any liability for failure to give such notification. Tenders of the Old Notes will not be deemed made until such defects or irregularities have been cured or waived. Any Old Notes received by the Exchange Agent that are not properly tendered and as to which the defects or irregularities have not been cured or waived will be returned to the tendering holder through the facilities of DTC as soon as practicable after the Expiration Date.

3. Waiver of Conditions

The Issuer reserves the absolute right to waive, in whole or part, at any time or from time to time, any of the conditions to the Exchange Offer set forth in the Prospectus or in this Letter of Transmittal.

4. No Conditional Tender

No alternative, conditional, irregular or contingent tender of the Old Notes will be accepted.

5. Request for Assistance

Requests for assistance regarding the Prospectus or this Letter of Transmittal may be directed to the Exchange Agent at the address, telephone numbers or fax number set forth on the cover page of this Letter of Transmittal. Holders may also contact their commercial bank, broker, dealer, trust company or other nominee for assistance concerning the Exchange Offer.

6. Withdrawal

Tenders of the Old Notes may be withdrawn at any time prior to the Expiration Date. For a withdrawal to be effective you must comply with the appropriate ATOP procedures. Any notice of withdrawal must specify the name and number of the account at DTC to be credited with withdrawn Old Notes and otherwise comply with the ATOP

procedures. For more information, see the section of the Prospectus entitled Description of the Exchange Offer Withdrawal of Tenders.

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7. Transfer Taxes

Holders who tender their Old Notes for exchange will not be obligated to pay any transfer taxes in connection with that tender or exchange, except that holders who instruct the Issuer to register the New Notes in the name of, or request that the Old Notes not tendered or not accepted in the Exchange Offer be returned to, a person other than the registered tendering holder will be responsible for the payment of any applicable transfer tax on those Old Notes.

IMPORTANT: BY USING THE ATOP PROCEDURES TO TENDER THE OLD NOTES, YOU WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO DELIVER THIS LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL TO THE EXCHANGE AGENT. HOWEVER, YOU WILL BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS, AND YOU WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE MADE THE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND THE REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES IT CONTAINS, JUST AS IF YOU HAD SIGNED IT.

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Kindred Healthcare, Inc.