UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 8, 2004

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

001-14057 (Commission File 61-1323993 (IRS Employer

of incorporation or organization)

Number)

Identification No.)

680 South Fourth Street

Louisville, Kentucky

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (502) 596-7300

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On March 8, 2004, the Company issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2003. The press release, dated March 8, 2004, is attached as Annex A to this Form 8-K. On March 8, 2004, the Company also included the press release on its website at www.kindredhealthcare.com.

Annex A is incorporated herein by reference and has been furnished, not filed.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereto duly authorized.

Date: March 8, 2004 By: /s/ Richard A. Lechleiter

Richard A. Lechleiter Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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KINDRED HEALTHCARE ANNOUNCES FOURTH QUARTER RESULTS

Fourth Quarter Net Income from Continuing Operations \$15.5 million or \$0.76 per Diluted Share

Fiscal Year Net Income from Continuing Operations \$49.5 million or \$2.82 per Diluted Share

Peoplefirst Rehabilitation to Operate as New Division in 2004

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (March 8, 2004) Kindred Healthcare, Inc. (the Company) (NASDAQ:KIND) today announced its operating results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2003. All financial and statistical information in this press release reflects the continuing operations of the Company s businesses for all periods presented unless otherwise indicated.

Fourth Quarter Results

Continuing Operations

Consolidated revenues for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2003 increased 5% to \$831 million from \$792 million for the same period last year. Net income from continuing operations totaled \$15.5 million or \$0.76 per diluted share compared to \$20.9 million or \$1.21 per diluted share in the fourth quarter last year. Fourth quarter 2003 pretax operating results included a favorable adjustment of approximately \$4 million for professional liability costs, a charge of approximately \$3 million related to special incentive compensation awards and a credit of approximately \$1 million to adjust accrued reorganization costs. Fourth quarter 2002 pretax operating results included additional professional liability costs of \$8 million, a reduction in incentive compensation costs of approximately \$9 million, a credit of approximately \$4 million related to adjustments of certain information systems accruals and a \$2 million gain from the sale of property.

Fourth quarter 2003 operating results also were impacted by certain changes in nursing center Medicare reimbursement. Beginning October 1, 2003, nursing center operating results were favorably impacted by a 3.26% correction to the market basket adjustment to Medicare payment rates. In addition, the annual 3% market basket increase also became effective on October 1, 2003. These adjustments together increased nursing center Medicare revenues by approximately \$19 per patient day or \$8 million for the fourth quarter of 2003.

Discontinued Operations

As previously disclosed, the Company acquired for resale ten unprofitable facilities from Ventas, Inc. (Ventas) (NYSE:VTR) in December 2003. The Company intends to dispose of these properties as soon as practicable. In addition, during the fourth quarter of 2003, the Company allowed two nursing center operating leases to expire, disposed of an ancillary services business in its hospital division, cancelled two hospital pulmonary management agreements and terminated two pharmacy infusion therapy partnerships. For accounting purposes, the operating results of these businesses and losses associated with these transactions have been classified as discontinued operations in the consolidated statement of operations for all historical periods.

Net operating losses for the previously discussed fourth quarter divestitures, along with the Florida and Texas nursing centers that were divested in the second quarter of 2003 (collectively, the Divested Operations), aggregated \$3.4 million or \$0.17 per diluted share in the fourth quarter of 2003 compared to \$17.8 million or \$1.03 per diluted share in the fourth quarter of 2002.

The fourth quarter 2003 net operating loss aggregating \$3.4 million was comprised of a \$2.2 million operating loss related primarily to external professional liability insurance costs for the Florida and Texas nursing centers sold in the second quarter of 2003, a \$2.2 million operating loss related to the ten unprofitable facilities purchased from Ventas in December 2003, and income of \$1.0 million from the other operations divested in the fourth quarter of 2003. The Company did not record any adjustments in the fourth quarter of 2003 to the professional liability reserves for the Florida and Texas nursing centers established at June 30, 2003.

In the fourth quarter of 2003, the Company reduced the carrying values of the Divested Operations to their estimated fair value less costs of disposal. The net loss on the divestitures in the fourth quarter of 2003, substantially all of which related to the ten unprofitable facilities purchased from Ventas in December 2003, aggregated \$42.6 million or \$2.09 per diluted share.

Based upon the status of the Company s negotiations to dispose of the ten unprofitable facilities purchased from Ventas in December 2003, the Company expects sales proceeds from these divestitures to approximate \$27 million. The Company expects to complete these divestitures by June 30, 2004.

Assets not sold at December 31, 2003 have been measured at the lower of carrying value or estimated fair value less costs of disposal and have been classified as held for sale in the Company s consolidated balance sheet.

Fiscal Year Results

Continuing Operations

Consolidated revenues for the year ended December 31, 2003 increased 5% to \$3.3 billion from \$3.1 billion for fiscal 2002. Net income from continuing operations totaled \$49.5 million or \$2.82 per diluted share compared to \$85.5 million or \$4.75 per diluted share in 2002. Despite significant increases in both hospital and pharmacy operating income, operating results in 2003 were adversely impacted by the expiration of certain nursing center Medicare reimbursements on October 1, 2002 that reduced nursing center pretax income by approximately \$42 million for the first nine months of 2003. In addition, increases in professional liability costs in 2003, most of which were incurred by the Company s nursing center business, reduced pretax income by approximately \$27 million.

Operating results for fiscal 2003 included income of \$14 million related to the resolution of certain prior year hospital Medicare cost reports and other hospital reimbursement issues in the third quarter. Operating results for fiscal 2002 included a \$12 million favorable hospital accounts receivable settlement with a private insurance company in the third quarter.

In addition to the fourth quarter items discussed previously, operating results for fiscal 2002 included a \$0.5 million pretax lease termination charge for an unprofitable hospital and a \$5.5 million pretax credit to adjust accrued restructuring costs.

Interest expense for both the third quarter of 2003 and 2002 included approximately \$2 million of gains realized in connection with the prepayment of long-term debt.

Discontinued Operations

Net operating losses of the Divested Operations aggregated \$45.4 million or \$2.59 per diluted share in 2003 compared to \$50.7 million or \$2.82 per diluted share in 2002. The net loss on the disposal of the Divested Operations aggregated \$79.4 million or \$4.53 per diluted share in 2003.

Other Information

Professional Liability Costs

As previously discussed, the Company recorded a \$4 million pretax reduction in professional liability costs in the fourth quarter of 2003 based on the results of the regular quarterly independent actuarial valuation. Approximately \$3 million of this favorable adjustment was reflected in the Company s nursing center business and the remainder was credited to the Company s hospital division. For the quarter ended December 31, 2003, the Company s professional liability costs aggregated \$17 million, of which approximately \$12 million was charged to the nursing center business. Third quarter 2003 professional liability costs aggregated \$21 million, of which approximately \$15 million was charged to the nursing center business.

For the year ended December 31, 2003, the Company s professional liability costs aggregated \$90 million, of which approximately \$67 million was charged to the nursing center business. While the Company expects that professional liability costs for 2004 may be higher than the costs recorded in 2003, management believes that the annual growth rates for professional liability costs appear to be moderating.

As a result of the regular quarterly independent actuarial valuation, the Company will fund approximately \$15 million into its wholly owned limited purpose insurance subsidiary in 2004. The required additional funding for fiscal 2002 totaling \$63 million was funded in March 2003.

New Operating Division Announced for 2004

The Company also announced that it has reorganized its rehabilitation services business effective January 1, 2004 by transferring its internal rehabilitation personnel from its nursing centers and consolidating them with its external rehabilitation business. This new operating division will operate under the name People first Rehabilitation. For accounting purposes, the Company expects to present the operating results of People first Rehabilitation as a separate operating division when it reports its first quarter 2004 operating results. The Company expects that the historical presentation of its nursing center and external rehabilitation services segment operating results will not be restated to conform with the new business alignment in 2004.

Paul J. Diaz, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, described the operational benefits of the new division. The primary mission of Peoplefirst Rehabilitation is to support our quality initiatives, clinical program development efforts and growing Medicare business in our nursing centers. This new division will also provide the necessary infrastructure to improve our recruitment and retention of qualified therapists and establish a platform from which we can continue to build our external contract business.

Management Commentary

Fiscal 2003 was a year of remarkable achievement for Kindred, Mr. Diaz remarked. The successful completion of the Florida and Texas nursing center divestitures in the second quarter provided clarity to our continuing operations, while the fourth quarter purchase of ten other unprofitable facilities for resale provides us with an additional opportunity to focus on our core nursing centers and expand our hospital, pharmacy and rehabilitation businesses. On the operational front, our hospitals reported an outstanding year, reflecting continued improvements in our clinical, customer service and other quality measures and the successful transition to the new Medicare prospective payment system in September. Likewise, our pharmacy business reported another solid year of growth, expanding our external customer base by almost 15% for the year. We also are excited about the prospects in our nursing center business, which reported a strong fourth quarter that included positive news related to professional liability costs and growing Medicare patient mix. Finally, we successfully contained our overhead costs in 2003.

Commenting on the Company's growth outlook, Mr. Diaz remarked, Our strong fourth quarter results support our outlook for continuing operational improvement in 2004. While we focused heavily on some key strategic and operational initiatives in 2003 to reposition the Company going forward, we also continued to execute our development strategy. In our hospital business, we opened a new free-standing hospital in Nashville, Tennessee (60 beds), two new hospitals-in-hospitals in Albuquerque, New Mexico (31 beds) and Dallas, Texas (30 beds) and added capacity to our existing hospitals in St. Petersburg, Florida (22 beds) and Boston, Massachusetts (23 beds). In 2004, we have opened or have agreements to open four new hospitals-in-hospitals in Oceanside, California (38 beds), Dover, New Jersey (45 beds), Louisville, Kentucky (30 beds) and St. Louis, Missouri (38 beds), and two free-standing hospitals in Corpus Christi, Texas (74 beds) and Dayton, Ohio (68 beds). In KPS, our institutional pharmacy business, we continue to gain market share by expanding our existing customer base and now have approximately 54% of our pharmacy business with non-affiliated customers. We also plan to open four new pharmacies in 2004 to expand into new markets and provide further growth opportunities in this business. Our new rehabilitation services division, Peoplefirst, should provide more opportunities to improve patient care in our nursing centers and the necessary infrastructure to expand our external customer base without deploying significant amounts of capital.

Board of Directors Change

The Company announced that Mr. James Bolin has resigned from the Board of Directors effective March 5, 2004. Mr. Edward L. Kuntz, Executive Chairman of the Board, commented, We are thankful to Jim for his service on the Board. He played an important role in advising the Company since its reorganization.

Forward Looking Statements

This press release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. All statements regarding the Company's expected future financial position, results of operations, cash flows, 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, project, could, should, will, intend, may and other similar expressions, are forward-looking statements.

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Such forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain, and stockholders and other potential investors must recognize that actual results may differ materially from the Company s expectations as a result of a variety of factors, including, without limitation, those discussed below. Such forward-looking statements are based on management s current expectations and include known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which the Company is unable to predict or control, that may

cause the Company s actual results or performance to differ materially from any future results or performance 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 the Company s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Factors that may affect the Company s plans or results include, without limitation, (a) the Company s ability to operate pursuant to the terms of its debt obligations and its master lease agreements with Ventas; (b) the Company s ability to meet its rental and debt service obligations; (c) adverse developments with respect to the Company s results of operations or liquidity; (d) the Company s ability to attract and retain key executives and other healthcare personnel; (e) increased operating costs due to shortages in qualified nurses and other healthcare personnel; (f) the effects of healthcare reform and government regulations, interpretation of regulations and changes in the nature and enforcement of regulations governing the healthcare industry; (g) changes in the reimbursement rates or methods of payment from third party payors, including the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and changes arising from the Medicare prospective payment system for long-term acute care hospitals and the recently enacted Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003; (h) national and regional economic conditions, including their effect on the availability and cost of labor, materials and other services; (i) the Company s ability to control costs, including labor and employee benefit costs; (j) the Company s ability to comply with the terms of its Corporate Integrity Agreement; (k) the Company s ability to integrate operations of acquired facilities; (1) the increase in the costs of defending and insuring against alleged professional liability claims and the Company s ability to predict the estimated costs related to such claims; (m) the Company s ability to successfully reduce (by divestiture of operations or otherwise) its exposure to professional liability claims; and (n) the Company s ability to successfully dispose of the ten unprofitable facilities acquired from Ventas. Many of these factors are beyond the Company s control. The Company cautions investors that any forward-looking statements made by the Company are not guarantees of future performance. The Company disclaims 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.

Kindred Healthcare, Inc. is a national healthcare services company operating hospitals, nursing centers, institutional pharmacies and a contract rehabilitation services business.

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Financial Summary

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three months ended			nded	Year ended				
		ber 31	1,	December 31,					
		2003		2002		2003		2002	
Revenues	\$ 830,978			\$ 830,978 \$ 792,290			\$ 3,120,770		
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Income from continuing operations	\$	15,485	\$	20,921	\$	49,454	\$	85,521	
Discontinued operations, net of income taxes:									
Loss from operations		(3,407)	((17,852)		(45,377)		(50,768)	
Loss on divestiture of operations		(42,567)			_	(79,413)			
Net income (loss)	\$	(30,489)	\$	3,069	\$	(75,336)	\$	34,753	
			_		_		_		
Earnings (loss) per common share:									
Basic:									
Income from continuing operations	\$	0.88	\$	1.21	\$	2.83	\$	4.93	
Discontinued operations:									
Loss from operations		(0.19)		(1.03)		(2.60)		(2.93)	
Loss on divestiture of operations		(2.43)				(4.55)			
Net income (loss)	\$	(1.74)	\$	0.18	\$	(4.32)	\$	2.00	
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Diluted:									
Income from continuing operations	\$	0.76	\$	1.21	\$	2.82	\$	4.75	
Discontinued operations:									
Loss from operations		(0.17)		(1.03)		(2.59)		(2.82)	
Loss on divestiture of operations		(2.09)			_	(4.53)	_		
Net income (loss)	\$	(1.50)	\$	0.18	\$	(4.30)	\$	1.93	
			_		_		_		
Shares used in computing earnings (loss) per common share:									
Basic		17,531		17,377		17,440		17,361	
Diluted		20,342		17,384		17,524		18,001	

Consolidated Statement of Operations

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three months ended			Year ended				
	December 31,			December 31,				
	200)3	:	2002		2003		2002
Revenues	\$ 830	,978	\$ 7	92,290	\$ 3	3,284,019	\$ 3	3,120,770
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Salaries, wages and benefits		,263		50,139]	,865,447		,770,654
Supplies		,293		03,298		429,616		401,348
Rent		,230		63,431		256,306		249,195
Other operating expenses		,524		21,442		563,507		487,855
Depreciation		,328		18,164		80,857		68,251
Interest expense		,388		3,135		10,322		12,040
Investment income	(1	,491)		(2,029)		(6,135)		(9,638)
	805	,535	7	57,580	3	3,199,920	2	2,979,705
	-		_		_	_	_	
Income from continuing operations before reorganization items and income								
taxes	25.	,443		34,710		84,099		141,065
Reorganization items	(1	,010)				(1,010)		(5,520)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	26	,453		34,710		85,109		146,585
Provision for income taxes	10	,968		13,789		35,655		61,064
Income from continuing operations	15	,485		20,921		49,454		85,521
Discontinued operations, net of income taxes:								
Loss from operations	(3,	,407)	(17,852)		(45,377)		(50,768)
Loss on divestiture of operations	(42	,567)				(79,413)		
Net income (loss)	\$ (30	,489)	\$	3,069	\$	(75,336)	\$	34,753
Earnings (loss) per common share:								
Basic:	Φ.	0.00	Ф	1.01	ф	2.02	Φ	4.02
Income from continuing operations	\$	0.88	\$	1.21	\$	2.83	\$	4.93
Discontinued operations:		0.40		(4.00)		(0.40)		(2.02)
Loss from operations		0.19)		(1.03)		(2.60)		(2.93)
Loss on divestiture of operations		2.43)	_		_	(4.55)	_	
Net income (loss)	\$ (1.74)	\$	0.18	\$	(4.32)	\$	2.00
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Diluted:								
Income from continuing operations	\$	0.76	\$	1.21	\$	2.82	\$	4.75
Discontinued operations:								
Loss from operations		0.17)		(1.03)		(2.59)		(2.82)
Loss on divestiture of operations	(2.09)				(4.53)		

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Shares used in computing earnings (loss) per common share:				
Basic	17,531	17,377	17,440	17,361
Diluted	20,342	17,384	17,524	18,001

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	De	cember 31, 2003	De	2002
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	66,524	\$	244,070
Cash restricted		7,339		7,908
Insurance subsidiary investments		146,325		130,415
Accounts receivable less allowance for loss		429,304		420,611
Inventories		29,984		30,460
Deferred tax assets		89,836		32,123
Assets held for sale		27,400		
Other		46,375	_	54,729
		843,087		920,316
Property and equipment		671,850		611,944
Accumulated depreciation	_	(193,310)		(115,373)
		478,540		496,571
Goodwill		31,417		88,259
Insurance subsidiary investments		74,618		18,171
Deferred tax assets		92,093		43,338
Other		65,659		77,523
	_		_	77,323
	\$	1,585,414	\$	1,644,178
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	119,087	\$	124,466
Salaries, wages and other compensation		214,113		220,124
Due to third party payors		31,406		25,177
Professional liability risks		83,725		45,346
Other accrued liabilities		88,333		104,674
Income taxes		36,684		62,111
Long-term debt due within one year		4,532		258
		577,880		582,156
Long-term debt		139,397		162,008
Professional liability risks		212,013		211,771
Deferred credits and other liabilities		58,559		56,615
Commitments and contingencies				
Stockholders equity: Common stock \$0.25 per value; authorized 175,000 shares; issued 18,170 shares. December 31, 2003 and				
Common stock, \$0.25 par value; authorized 175,000 shares; issued 18,170 shares December 31, 2003 and		4 5 4 2		4.410
17,649 shares December 31, 2002		4,543		4,412
Capital in excess of par value		589,936		547,609
Deferred compensation		(8,040)		(6,967)
Accumulated other comprehensive income		348		460

Retained earnings	10,778	86,114
	597,565	631,628
	\$ 1,585,414	\$ 1,644,178

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

(In thousands)

	Year ended D	ecember 31,
	2003	2002
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ (75,336)	\$ 34,753
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:	4 (12,223)	\$ 5.,755
Depreciation	83,301	71,356
Amortization of deferred compensation costs	5,828	6,778
Provision for doubtful accounts	29,575	13,551
Deferred income taxes	(8,500)	(17,608)
Loss on divestiture of discontinued operations	79,413	
Unusual transactions		(1,795)
Reorganization items	(1,010)	(5,520)
Other	1,278	1,224
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(52,977)	(3,063)
Inventories and other assets	19,403	(11,303)
Accounts payable	(3,624)	11,887
Income taxes	11,585	45,519
Due to third party payors	6,229	(12,108)
Other accrued liabilities	25,508	119,995
Net cash provided by operating activities before reorganization items	120,673	253,666
Payment of reorganization items	(1,378)	(4,987)
Net cash provided by operating activities	119,295	248,679
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property and equipment	(84,096)	(84,071)
Acquisition of healthcare facilities	(149,266)	(45,931)
Sale of assets	66,741	752
Surety bond deposits	1,766	9,676
Purchase of insurance subsidiary investments	(156,774)	(4,494)
Sale of insurance subsidiary investments	61,940	3,703
Net change in insurance subsidiary cash and cash equivalents	22,477	(31,718)
Net change in other investments	1,059	6,166
Other	(353)	64
Net cash used in investing activities	(236,506)	(145,853)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Repayment of long-term debt	(62,219)	(50,570)
Payment of deferred financing costs	(3,677)	(1,375)
Issuance of common stock	7,881	159
Repurchase of common stock		(1,046)
Other	(2,320)	3,277

Net cash used in financing activities	(60,335)	(49,555)
Change in cash and cash equivalents	(177,546)	53,271
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	244,070	190,799
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 66,524	\$ 244,070

Business Segment Data

(In thousands)

		2002 Q	uarters			2003 Quarters				
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Year	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Year
Revenues:										
Hospital division	\$ 285,626	\$ 313,856	\$ 321,951	\$ 319,904	\$ 1,241,337	\$ 331,862	\$ 338,360	\$ 341,368	\$ 325,619	\$ 1,337,209
Health services division:										
Nursing centers	411,273	412,253	422,392	412,741	1,658,659	410,832	416,768	431,978	433,532	1,693,110
Rehabilitation services	7,830	8,566	8,697	9,203	34,296	8,502	8,795	12,065	14,121	43,483
	419,103	420,819	431,089	421,944	1,692,955	419,334	425,563	444,043	447,653	1,736,593
Pharmacy division	57,049	57,915	62,076	64,699	241,739	66,126	64,850	67,075	74,382	272,433
	761,778	792,590	815,116	806,547	3,176,031	817,322	828,773	852,486	847,654	3,346,235
Elimination of pharmacy	701,778	192,390	615,110	800,547	3,170,031	017,322	020,773	832,480	047,034	3,340,233
charges to Company										
nursing centers	(13,353)	(13,637)	(14,014)	(14,257)	(55,261)	(15,164)	(14,925)	(15,451)	(16,676)	(62,216)
	\$ 748,425	\$ 778,953	\$ 801,102	\$ 792,290	\$ 3,120,770	\$ 802,158	\$ 813,848	\$ 837,035	\$ 830,978	\$ 3,284,019
Income from continuing operations:										
Operating income (loss):										
Hospital division	\$ 57,701	\$ 62,499	\$ 70,828	\$ 70,191	\$ 261,219	\$ 70,538	\$ 75,455	\$ 87,171	\$ 73,702	\$ 306,866
Health services division:										
Nursing centers	82,507	85,564	62,431	62,182	292,684	43,424	57,235	54,944	64,436	220,039
Rehabilitation services	(66)	288	1,155	(1,639)	(262)	(959)	(750)	261	(315)	(1,763)
	82,441	85,852	63,586	60,543	292,422	42,465	56,485	55,205	64,121	218,276
Pharmacy division	5,492	5,633	5,630	5,926	22,681	6,702	6,133	6,150	7,508	26,493
Corporate:										
Overhead	(31,674)	(29,200)	(30,812)	(19,469)	(111,155)	(26,713)	(28,354)	(28,670)	(28,898)	(112,635)
Insurance subsidiary	(1,001)	(1,203)	(1,745)	(2,100)	(6,049)	(2,607)	(3,407)	(4,002)	(3,535)	(13,551)
	(32,675)	(30,403)	(32,557)	(21,569)	(117,204)	(29,320)	(31,761)	(32,672)	(32,433)	(126,186)
	112,959	123,581	107,487	115,091	459,118	90,385	106,312	115,854	112,898	425,449
Unusual transactions		(525)		2,320	1,795				1.010	1.010
Reorganization items		5,520			5,520				1,010	1,010
Operating income	112,959	128,576	107,487	117,411	466,433	90,385	106,312	115,854	113,908	426,459
Rent	(60,323)	(62,483)	(62,958)	(63,431)	(249,195)	(63,078)	(64,215)	(64,783)	(64,230)	(256,306)
Depreciation	(16,022)	(16,664)	(17,401)	(18,164)	(68,251)	(19,195)	(19,927)	(20,407)	(21,328)	(80,857)
Interest, net	(1,856)	(413)	973	(1,106)	(2,402)	(1,253)	(1,316)	279	(1,897)	(4,187)
Income from continuing										
operations before income										
taxes	34,758	49,016	28,101	34,710	146,585	6,859	20,854	30,943	26,453	85,109
Provision for income taxes	14,314	20,085	12,876	13,789	61,064	4,348	7,710	12,629	10,968	35,655

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Business Segment Data (Continued)

(In thousands)

		2002 Q	uarters			2003 Quarters				
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Year	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Year
Rent:										
Hospital division	\$ 22,309	\$ 23,702	\$ 23,515	\$ 23,393	\$ 92,919	\$ 23,284	\$ 23,706	\$ 23,441	\$ 22,753	\$ 93,184
Health services division:										
Nursing centers	37,323	38,048	38,684	39,016	153,071	39,031	39,808	\$ 40,459	40,530	159,828
Rehabilitation services	24	24	37	43	128	69	95	123	185	472
	37,347	38,072	38,721	39,059	153,199	39,100	39,903	40,582	40,715	160,300
Pharmacy division	634	646	670	913	2,863	630	547	698	703	2,578
Corporate	33	63	52	66	214	64	59	62	59	244
	\$ 60,323	\$ 62,483	\$ 62,958	\$ 63,431	\$ 249,195	\$ 63,078	\$ 64,215	\$ 64,783	\$ 64,230	\$ 256,306
Depreciation:										
Hospital division	\$ 6,196	\$ 6,468	\$ 6,820	\$ 6,897	\$ 26,381	\$ 7,054	\$ 7,450	\$ 7,684	\$ 8,257	\$ 30,445
Health services division:										
Nursing centers	5,730	5,788	6,035	6,129	23,682	6,373	6,569	6,688	6,740	26,370
Rehabilitation services	9	6	13	15	43	16	20	22	25	83
	5,739	5,794	6,048	6,144	23,725	6,389	6,589	6,710	6,765	26,453
Pharmacy division	380	410	451	498	1,739	517	539	561	560	2,177
Corporate	3,707	3,992	4,082	4,625	16,406	5,235	5,349	5,452	5,746	21,782
	\$ 16,022	\$ 16,664	\$ 17,401	\$ 18,164	\$ 68,251	\$ 19,195	\$ 19,927	\$ 20,407	\$ 21,328	\$ 80,857
Capital expenditures, excluding acquisitions (including discontinued operations):										
Hospital division	\$ 3,316	\$ 6,430	\$ 6,056	\$ 10.831	\$ 26.633	\$ 2,822	\$ 4.133	\$ 5,773	\$ 13,388	\$ 26,116
Health services division	2,116	4,728	6,498	10,785	24,127	3,273	6,422	9,803	9,815	29,313
Pharmacy division	396	782	882	1,431	3,491	616	522	815	2,254	4,207
Corporate:										
Information systems	3,330	6,632	6,474	9,140	25,576	3,207	5,992	4,071	8,223	21,493
Other	710	787	1,056	1,691	4,244	647	408	361	1,551	2,967
	\$ 9,868	\$ 19,359	\$ 20,966	\$ 33,878	\$ 84,071	\$ 10,565	\$ 17,477	\$ 20,823	\$ 35,231	\$ 84,096

Business Segment Data (Continued)

(Unaudited)

2002 Quarters 2003 Quarters Year First Third Year First Second Third Second Fourth Fourth Hospital data: End of period data: Number of hospitals 55 61 62 63 63 63 64 66 5,076 Number of licensed beds 4,629 4,944 5,012 5,053 5,098 5,129 5,219 Revenue mix % (a): 59 Medicare 58 60 58 61 59 60 62 63 61 9 Medicaid 10 9 8 9 8 8 7 8 8 Private and other 32 31 34 30 32 32 33 31 29 31 Admissions: 6,259 6,346 6,681 25,692 Medicare 5,295 5,770 6,193 23,517 6,612 6,053 2,583 Medicaid 579 567 606 620 2,372 648 604 670 661 Private and other 1,569 5,084 1,281 1,322 1,359 5,295 1,117 1,217 1,181 1,333 6,991 8,395 7,593 7,994 30,973 8,541 8,272 8,056 8,701 33,570 Patients days: Medicare 188,530 211,684 203,199 205,735 809,148 216,266 214,116 193,069 191,904 815,355 31,948 34,206 Medicaid 32,680 32,410 131,244 31,764 32,470 31,362 29,488 125,084 Private and other 56,018 54,901 54,847 55,225 220,991 56,225 59,339 54,080 52,725 222,369 277,228 298,533 290,456 295,166 1,161,383 304,255 305,925 278,511 274,117 1,162,808 Average length of stay: 35.6 35.2 34.4 Medicare 33.8 33.2 32.7 33.7 31.9 28.7 31.7 Medicaid 56.4 56.3 53.5 55.2 55.3 49.0 53.8 46.8 44.6 48.4 Private and other 50.2 35.0 45.1 46.8 43.5 43.9 44.9 40.6 38.8 42.0 39.7 35.6 38.3 36.9 37.5 35.6 37.0 34.6 31.5 34.6 Weighted average Revenues per admission (a): Medicare \$ 31,397 30,208 32,062 \$ 31,386 31,241 30,050 31,594 \$ 35,157 30,987 31,878 Medicaid 49,561 46,462 44,113 46,755 46,695 40,547 44,766 36,974 37,825 39,910 Private and other 81,187 62,740 90,567 81,747 77,869 83,449 83,830 77,860 68,870 78,395 40,856 37,386 42,401 40,018 40,078 38,855 40,904 42,374 37,423 39,833 Weighted average Revenues per patient day (a): Medicare \$ 882 \$ 893 910 \$ 945 908 \$ 919 936 \$ 1,102 \$ 1,079 1,004 825 833 Medicaid 878 825 847 844 827 790 848 824 Private and other 1,619 1,793 2,010 1,748 1,791 1,901 1,868 1,919 1,775 1,867 Weighted average 1,030 1,051 1,108 1,084 1,069 1,091 1,106 1,226 1,188 1,150 2,980 Average daily census 3,080 3,281 3,157 3,208 3,182 3,381 3,362 3,027 3,186 69.8 68.3 69.8 59.9 Occupancy % 66.0 66.7 67.6 69.0 61.9 65.1

⁽a) Includes income of \$14 million related to certain Medicare reimbursement issues recorded in the third quarter of 2003 and income of \$12 million related to a favorable accounts receivable settlement with a private insurance company recorded in the third quarter of 2002.

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Business Segment Data (Continued)

(Unaudited)

		2002 Q	uarters							
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Year	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Year
Nursing center data:										
End of period data: Number of nursing centers:										
Owned or leased Managed	250 14		248 10	248 7		248 7	248 7	248 7	248 7	
	264	258	258	255		255	255	255	255	
Number of licensed beds:										
Owned or leased Managed	32,407 1,417	32,342 1,017	32,333 1,017	32,314 803		32,293 803	32,124 803	32,118 803	32,124 803	
	33,824	33,359	33,350	33,117		33,096	32,927	32,921	32,927	
Revenue mix %: Medicare	34	34	33	31	33	33	33	32	33	32
Medicaid	46		48	50	48	48	48	50	48	49
Private and other	20	19	19	19	19	19	19	18	19	19
Patients days (excludes managed facilities):										
Medicare	388,198		383,976	377,106	1,541,642	398,646	399,150	394,957	397,254	1,590,007
Medicaid	1,705,650		1,757,643	1,764,892	6,941,633	1,699,726	1,707,907	1,757,580	1,737,615	6,902,828
Private and other	446,087	446,163	446,399	437,462	1,776,111	410,378	418,824	422,529	426,890	1,678,621
	2,539,935	2,551,973	2,588,018	2,579,460	10,259,386	2,508,750	2,525,881	2,575,066	2,561,759	10,171,456
Revenues per patient day:										
Medicare	\$ 359									
Medicaid	112	112	115	117	114	117	118	123	120	119
Private and other Weighted average	180 162	180 162	183 163	182 160	181 162	188 164	189 165	188 168	190 169	189 167
Average daily										
census Occupancy %	28,222 86.2		28,131 86.7	28,038 86.4	28,108 86.4	27,875 86.0	27,757 85.6	27,990 86.8	27,845 86.4	27,867 86.2
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Pharmacy data: Number of customer licensed beds at end of period:										
Company-operated	30,471		30,279	29,966		29,804		27,886	28,280	
Non-affiliated	25,695	27,148	28,460	28,873		28,365	28,848	29,507	33,127	

56,166	57,716	58,739	58,839	58,16	56,414	57,393	61,407