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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**FORM 10-Q**

For the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2014

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF**  
**THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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**Delaware**  
(State of incorporation)

**51-0354549**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

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Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

As of April 28, 2014, the number of shares of the Registrant's common stock outstanding was approximately 214.2 million shares and the aggregate market value of the common stock outstanding held by non-affiliates based upon the closing price of these shares on the New York Stock Exchange was approximately \$14.8 billion.

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**

(unaudited)

(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	Three months ended	
	March 31,	
	2014	2013
Patient service revenues	\$ 2,114,098	\$ 1,979,873
Less: Provision for uncollectible accounts	(83,197)	(70,057)
Net patient service revenues	2,030,901	1,909,816
Capitated revenues	787,565	762,615
Other revenues	224,310	157,151
Total net revenues	3,042,776	2,829,582
Operating expenses and charges:		
Patient care costs and other costs	2,179,772	1,960,891
General and administrative	284,061	284,410
Depreciation and amortization	142,579	125,909
Provision for uncollectible accounts	2,511	878
Equity investment income	(7,372)	(9,367)
Loss contingency reserve		300,000
Total operating expenses and charges	2,601,551	2,662,721
Operating income	441,225	166,861
Debt expense	(106,335)	(105,817)
Other income, net	1,698	598
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	336,588	61,642
Income tax expense	124,851	15,144
Income from continuing operations	211,737	46,498
Discontinued operations:		
Loss from operations of discontinued operations, net of tax		(139)
Gain on disposal of discontinued operations, net of tax		13,375
Net income	211,737	59,734
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(28,448)	(29,570)
Net income attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.	\$ 183,289	\$ 30,164
<b>Earnings per share:</b>		
Basic income from continuing operations per share attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.08
Basic net income per share attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.14

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Diluted income from continuing operations per share attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.	\$	0.85	\$	0.08
Diluted net income per share attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.	\$	0.85	\$	0.14
<b>Weighted average shares for earnings per share:</b>				
Basic		211,375,232		208,968,952
Diluted		216,118,922		214,127,266
<b>Amounts attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.:</b>				
Income from continuing operations	\$	183,289	\$	16,915
Discontinued operations				13,249
Net income	\$	183,289	\$	30,164

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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	<b>Three months ended</b>	
	<b>March 31,</b>	
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Net income	\$ 211,737	\$ 59,734
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:		
Unrealized losses on interest rate swap and cap agreements:		
Unrealized losses on interest rate swap and cap agreements	(2,505)	(2,369)
Reclassifications of net swap and cap agreements realized losses into net income	3,359	2,507
Unrealized gains on investments:		
Unrealized gain on investments	331	618
Reclassification of net investment realized gains into net income	(207)	(94)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	28	(2,106)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	1,006	(1,444)
Total comprehensive income	212,743	58,290
Less: Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(28,448)	(29,570)
Comprehensive income attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.	\$ 184,295	\$ 28,720

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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	<b>March 31, 2014</b>	<b>December 31, 2013</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,108,069	\$ 946,249
Short-term investments	8,080	6,801
Accounts receivable, less allowance of \$247,108 and \$237,143	1,539,728	1,485,163
Inventories	101,173	88,805
Other receivables	374,017	349,090
Other current assets	169,628	176,414
Income tax receivable		10,315
Deferred income taxes	406,538	409,441
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>3,707,233</b>	<b>3,472,278</b>
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,857,718 and \$1,778,259	2,224,439	2,189,411
Intangibles, net of accumulated amortization of \$530,540 and \$483,773	2,025,822	2,024,373
Equity investments	40,727	40,686
Long-term investments	81,033	79,557
Other long-term assets	76,909	79,598
Goodwill	9,242,179	9,212,974
	<b>\$ 17,398,342</b>	<b>\$ 17,098,877</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 392,907	\$ 435,465
Other liabilities	486,565	464,422
Accrued compensation and benefits	629,669	603,013
Medical payables	284,759	287,452
Loss contingency reserve	397,000	397,000
Current portion of long-term debt	292,220	274,697
Income tax payable	83,054	
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>2,566,174</b>	<b>2,462,049</b>
Long-term debt	8,071,622	8,141,231
Other long-term liabilities	407,288	380,337
Deferred income taxes	822,842	812,419
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>11,867,926</b>	<b>11,796,036</b>
Commitments and contingencies		
Noncontrolling interests subject to put provisions	692,780	697,300
Equity:		
Preferred stock (\$0.001 par value, 5,000,000 shares authorized; none issued)		
Common stock (\$0.001 par value, 450,000,000 shares authorized; 214,045,116 and 213,163,248 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2014 and at December 31, 2013, respectively)	214	213
Additional paid-in capital	1,113,714	1,070,922
Retained earnings	3,547,278	3,363,989
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,639)	(2,645)

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Total DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc. shareholders equity	4,659,567	4,432,479
Noncontrolling interests not subject to put provisions	178,069	173,062
Total equity	4,837,636	4,605,541
	\$ 17,398,342	\$ 17,098,877

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.



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**DAVITA HEALTHCARE PARTNERS INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

(unaudited)

(dollars in thousands)

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 211,737	\$ 59,734
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:		
Loss contingency reserve		300,000
Depreciation and amortization	142,565	125,756
Stock-based compensation expense	15,074	16,021
Tax benefits from stock award exercises	22,978	9,368
Excess tax benefits from stock award exercises	(18,336)	(6,957)
Deferred income taxes	8,902	(111,331)
Equity investment income, net	(187)	(2,486)
Other non-cash (income) charges and loss on disposal of assets	8,346	(11,396)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, other than from acquisitions and divestitures:		
Accounts receivable	(54,565)	(92,339)
Inventories	(12,280)	2,162
Other receivables and other current assets	(17,740)	(32,281)
Other long-term assets	1,418	(9,865)
Accounts payable	(42,558)	(83,896)
Accrued compensation and benefits	23,570	(3,790)
Other current liabilities	20,615	79,277
Income taxes	92,905	93,401
Other long-term liabilities	16,663	47,829
Net cash provided by operating activities	419,107	379,207
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Additions of property and equipment, net	(126,562)	(116,724)
Acquisitions	(67,857)	(91,498)
Proceeds from asset and business sales	56	62,357
Purchase of investments available for sale	(1,824)	(1,212)
Purchase of investments held-to-maturity	(2,511)	(4)
Proceeds from sale of investments available for sale	1,262	1,091
Proceeds from sale of investments held to maturity	1,508	
Purchase of intangible assets	(11)	(137)
Distributions received on equity investments	146	116
Net cash used in investing activities	(195,793)	(146,011)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Borrowings	16,179,463	16,797,510
Payments on long-term debt and other financing costs	(16,244,613)	(16,861,197)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	(33,147)	(34,926)
Stock award exercises and other share issuances, net	3,450	5,833
Excess tax benefits from stock award exercises	18,336	6,957

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Contributions from noncontrolling interests	13,625	14,257
Proceeds from sales of additional noncontrolling interests	761	4,174
Net cash used in financing activities	(62,125)	(67,392)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	631	119
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	161,820	165,923
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	946,249	533,748
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	\$ 1,108,069	\$ 699,671
<b>Supplemental cash flow information:</b>		
Non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Fixed assets under capital lease obligations	\$ 11,918	\$ 13,594

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**DAVITA HEALTHCARE PARTNERS INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY**

(unaudited)

(dollars and shares in thousands)

	Non-controlling interests subject to put provisions	DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc. Shareholders						Equity Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	Total	Non-controlling interests not subject to put provisions
		Common stock	Additional paid-in capital	Retained earnings	Treasury stock					
Balance at December 31, 2012	\$ 580,692	269,725	\$ 270	\$ 1,208,665	\$ 3,731,835	(58,728)	\$ (1,162,336)	\$ (15,297)	\$ 3,763,137	\$ 153,788
Comprehensive income:										
Net income	78,215				633,446				633,446	45,540
Other comprehensive income								12,652	12,652	
Stock purchase shares issued		238		12,817					12,817	
Stock unit shares issued		7		(3,286)		164	3,247		(39)	
Stock-settled SAR shares issued		313		(29,025)		1,444	28,561		(464)	
Stock-based compensation expense				59,998					59,998	
Excess tax benefits from stock awards exercised				36,197					36,197	
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	(80,353)									(58,973)
Contributions from noncontrolling interests	22,053									14,943
Sales and assumptions of additional noncontrolling interests	23,642			(1,442)					(1,442)	10,770
Purchases from noncontrolling interests	(512)			(3,119)					(3,119)	(147)
Expiration of put option and other reclassification	(7,141)									7,141
Changes in fair value of noncontrolling interests	80,704			(80,704)					(80,704)	
Treasury stock retirement		(57,120)	(57)	(129,179)	(1,001,292)	57,120	1,130,528			
Balance at December 31, 2013	\$ 697,300	213,163	\$ 213	\$ 1,070,922	\$ 3,363,989	\$	\$ (2,645)	\$ 4,432,479	\$ 173,062	
Comprehensive income:										
Net income	18,584				183,289				183,289	9,864
Other comprehensive income								1,006	1,006	
Stock unit shares issued		44		(27)					(27)	
Stock-settled SAR shares issued		838	1	(1)						
Stock-based compensation expense				15,074					15,074	
Excess tax benefits from stock awards exercised				18,336					18,336	
	(21,640)									(11,507)

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Distributions to noncontrolling interests									
Contributions from noncontrolling interests	6,975								6,650
Sales and assumptions of additional noncontrolling interests	680		81					81	
Adjustment in ownership interests			210						210
Changes in fair value of noncontrolling interests	(9,119)		9,119						9,119
Balance at March 31, 2014	\$ 692,780	214,045	\$ 214	\$ 1,113,714	\$ 3,547,278	\$	\$ (1,639)	\$ 4,659,567	\$ 178,069

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**DAVITA HEALTHCARE PARTNERS INC.**

**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(unaudited)**

(dollars and shares in thousands, except per share data)

Unless otherwise indicated in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q the Company, we, us, our and similar terms refer to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

**1. Condensed consolidated interim financial statements**

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements included in this report are prepared by the Company without audit. In the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the results of operations are reflected in these consolidated interim financial statements. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. The most significant estimates and assumptions underlying these financial statements and accompanying notes generally involve the accrual of an estimated loss contingency reserve and its impact on the Company's income taxes, revenue recognition and accounts receivable, impairments of long-lived assets, fair value estimates, accounting for income taxes, variable compensation accruals, consolidation of variable interest entities, purchase accounting valuation estimates, long-term incentive program compensation and medical liability claims. The results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for the full year. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013. Prior year balances and amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. The Company has evaluated subsequent events through the date these condensed consolidated financial statements were issued and has included all necessary disclosures.

**2. Earnings per share**

Basic net income per share is calculated by dividing net income attributable to the Company, adjusted for any change in noncontrolling interests redemption rights in excess of fair value, by the weighted average number of common shares and vested stock units outstanding. Diluted net income per share includes the dilutive effect of outstanding stock-settled stock appreciation rights and unvested stock units (under the treasury stock method).

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## NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

(unaudited)

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The reconciliations of the numerators and denominators used to calculate basic and diluted earnings per share are as follows:

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
<b>Basic:</b>		
Income from continuing operations attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.	\$ 183,289	\$ 16,915
Discontinued operations attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.		13,249
Net income attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc. for basic earnings per share calculation	\$ 183,289	\$ 30,164
Weighted average shares outstanding during the period	213,564	211,157
Vested stock units	5	6
Contingently returnable shares held in escrow for the DaVita HealthCare Partners merger	(2,194)	(2,194)
Weighted average shares for basic earnings per share calculation	211,375	208,969
Basic income from continuing operations per share attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.08
Basic income from discontinued operations per share attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.	\$	\$ 0.06
<b>Basic net income per share attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.</b>	<b>\$ 0.87</b>	<b>\$ 0.14</b>
<b>Diluted:</b>		
Income from continuing operations attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.	\$ 183,289	\$ 16,915
Discontinued operations attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.		13,249
Net income attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc. for diluted earnings per share calculation	\$ 183,289	\$ 30,164
Weighted average shares outstanding during the period	213,564	211,157
Vested stock units	5	6
Assumed incremental shares from stock plans	2,550	2,964
Weighted average shares for diluted earnings per share calculation	216,119	214,127
Diluted income from continuing operations per share attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.08
Diluted income from discontinued operations per share attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.	\$	\$ 0.06
<b>Diluted net income per share attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.</b>	<b>\$ 0.85</b>	<b>\$ 0.14</b>
Anti-dilutive stock-settled awards excluded from calculation <sup>(1)</sup>	2,999	2,187

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- <sup>(1)</sup> Shares associated with stock-settled stock appreciation rights that are excluded from the diluted denominator calculation because they are anti-dilutive under the treasury stock method.

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**3. Accounts receivable**

Accounts receivable are reduced by an allowance for doubtful accounts. In evaluating the ultimate collectability of the Company's accounts receivable, the Company analyzes its historical cash collection experience and trends for each of its government payors and commercial payors to estimate the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts and the amount of the provision for uncollectible accounts. Management regularly updates its analysis based upon the most recent information available to determine its current provision for uncollectible accounts and the adequacy of its allowance for doubtful accounts. For receivables associated with dialysis patient services covered by government payors, like Medicare, the Company receives 80% of the payment directly from Medicare as established under the government's bundled payment system, in the case of dialysis services receivables, and determines an appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts and provision for uncollectible accounts on the remaining balance due depending upon the Company's estimate of the amounts ultimately collectible from other secondary coverage sources or from the patients. For receivables associated with services to patients covered by commercial payors that are either based upon contractual terms or for non-contracted health plan coverage, the Company provides an allowance for doubtful accounts by recording a provision for uncollectible accounts based upon its historical collection experience, potential inefficiencies in its billing processes and for which collectability is determined to be unlikely. Approximately 1% of the Company's net accounts receivable are associated with patient pay and it is the Company's policy to record an allowance for 100% of these outstanding dialysis accounts receivable balances when those amounts due are outstanding for more than four months.

During the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Company's allowance for doubtful accounts increased by approximately \$9,965. This was primarily due to an increase in the bad debt provision from 3.5% to 4.0% related to our U.S. dialysis and related lab services, primarily as a result of additional non-covered Medicare write-offs. There were no unusual transactions impacting the allowance for doubtful accounts.

**4. Investments in debt and equity securities and other investments**

Based on the Company's intentions and strategy concerning investments in debt securities, the Company classifies certain debt securities as held-to-maturity and records them at amortized cost. Equity securities that have readily determinable fair values, including those of mutual funds, common stock and other debt securities, are classified as available-for-sale and recorded at fair value.

The Company's investments in securities consist of the following:

	March 31, 2014			December 31, 2013		
	Held to maturity	Available for sale	Total	Held to maturity	Available for sale	Total
Certificates of deposit and money market funds due within one year	\$ 6,604	\$	\$ 6,604	\$ 5,601	\$	\$ 5,601
Investments in mutual funds and common stock		20,532	20,532		19,421	19,421
	\$ 6,604	\$ 20,532	\$ 27,136	\$ 5,601	\$ 19,421	\$ 25,022
Short-term investments	\$ 6,604	\$ 1,476	\$ 8,080	\$ 5,601	\$ 1,200	\$ 6,801
Long-term investments		19,056	19,056		18,221	18,221
	\$ 6,604	\$ 20,532	\$ 27,136	\$ 5,601	\$ 19,421	\$ 25,022





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(dollars and shares in thousands, except per share data)

The cost of the certificates of deposit and money market funds at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 approximates their fair value. As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the available-for-sale investments included \$5,286 and \$5,096 of gross pre-tax unrealized gains, respectively. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Company recorded gross pre-tax unrealized gains of \$530, or \$331 after tax, in other comprehensive income associated with changes in the fair value of these investments. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Company sold investments in mutual funds for net proceeds of \$1,262 and recognized a pre-tax gain of \$340, or \$207 after-tax, which was previously recorded in other comprehensive income. During the three months ended March 31, 2013, the Company sold investments in mutual funds for net proceeds of \$1,091 and recognized a pre-tax gain of \$155, or \$94 after-tax, which was previously recorded in other comprehensive income.

The investments in mutual funds classified as available-for-sale are held within a trust to fund existing obligations associated with several of the Company's non-qualified deferred compensation plans.

As of March 31, 2014, the Company held \$5,000 of preferred stock in a privately held company that is accounted for under the cost method as this investment does not have a readily determinable fair value.

Certain HCP entities are required to maintain minimum cash balances in order to comply with regulatory requirements in conjunction with medical claim reserves. As of March 31, 2014, this minimum cash balance was approximately \$52,000.

**5. Goodwill**

Changes in goodwill by reportable segments were as follows:

	Three months ended March 31, 2014			Consolidated total
	U.S. dialysis and related lab services	HCP	Other-ancillary services and strategic initiatives	
Balance at December 31, 2013	\$ 5,469,473	\$ 3,516,162	\$ 227,339	\$ 9,212,974
Acquisitions	2,915	26,194		29,109
Other adjustments			96	96
Balance at March 31, 2014	\$ 5,472,388	\$ 3,542,356	\$ 227,435	\$ 9,242,179

	Year ended December 31, 2013			Consolidated total
	U.S. dialysis and related lab services	HCP	Other-ancillary services and strategic initiatives	
Balance at December 31, 2012	\$ 5,309,152	\$ 3,506,571	\$ 137,027	\$ 8,952,750
Acquisitions	163,037	17,833	90,397	271,267
Divestitures	(2,728)			(2,728)
Other adjustments	12	(8,242)	(85)	(8,315)

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Balance at December 31, 2013	\$ 5,469,473	\$ 3,516,162	\$ 227,339	\$ 9,212,974
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Each of the Company's operating segments described in Note 16 to these condensed consolidated financial statements represents an individual reporting unit for goodwill impairment testing purposes, except that each sovereign jurisdiction within our international operations segments is considered a separate reporting unit.

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Within the U.S. dialysis and related lab services operating segment, the Company considers each of its dialysis centers to constitute an individual business for which discrete financial information is available. However, since these dialysis centers have similar operating and economic characteristics, and the allocation of resources and significant investment decisions concerning these businesses are highly centralized and the benefits broadly distributed, the Company has aggregated these centers and deemed them to constitute a single reporting unit.

The Company has applied a similar aggregation to the HCP operations in each region, to the vascular access service centers in its vascular access services reporting unit, to the physician practices in its physician services reporting unit, and to the dialysis centers in each sovereign international jurisdiction. For the Company's additional operating segments, no component below the operating segment level is considered a discrete business and therefore these operating segments directly constitute individual reporting units.

During the first quarter of 2014, the Company did not record any goodwill impairment charges. As of March 31, 2014, none of the goodwill associated with the Company's various reporting units was considered at risk of impairment. Since the dates of the Company's last annual goodwill impairment tests, there have been certain developments, events, changes in operating performance and other changes in circumstances that have affected the Company's businesses. However, these did not cause management to believe it is more likely than not that the fair value of any of its reporting units would be less than its carrying amount.

**6. Health care costs payable**

The health care costs shown in the following table include estimates for the cost of professional medical services provided by non-employed physicians and other providers, as well as inpatient and other ancillary costs for all markets, other than California, where state regulation allows for the assumption of global risk. Health care costs payable are included in medical payables.

The following table shows the components of changes in the health care costs payable for the three months ended March 31, 2014:

	<b>Three months ended March 31, 2014</b>
Health care costs payable, beginning of the period	\$ 172,310
Add: Components of incurred health care costs	
Current year	380,918
Prior years	3,824
<b>Total incurred health care costs</b>	<b>384,742</b>
Less: Claims paid	
Current year	220,478
Prior years	140,078
<b>Total claims paid</b>	<b>360,556</b>
Health care costs payable, end of the period	\$ 196,496

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Our prior year estimates of health care costs payable increased by \$3,824 resulting from certain medical claims being settled for amounts more than originally estimated. When significant increases (decreases) in prior-year health care cost estimates occur that we believe significantly impact our current year operating results, we

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disclose that amount as unfavorable (favorable) development of prior-year's health care cost estimates. Actual claim payments for prior year services have not been materially different from our year-end estimates.

**7. Income taxes**

As of March 31, 2014, the Company's total liability for unrecognized tax benefits relating to tax positions that do not meet the more-likely-than-not threshold is \$60,762, of which \$33,151 would impact the Company's effective tax rate if recognized. This balance represents an increase of \$224 from the December 31, 2013 balance of \$60,538.

The Company recognizes accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in its income tax expense. At March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the Company had approximately \$11,746 and \$10,742, respectively, accrued for interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits, net of federal tax benefits.

As of March 31, 2014, it is reasonably possible that \$27,611 of unrecognized tax benefits may be recognized within the next 12 months, primarily related to the filing of tax accounting method changes.

**8. Long-term debt**

Long-term debt was comprised of the following:

	<b>March 31, 2014</b>	<b>December 31, 2013</b>
<b>Senior Secured Credit Facilities:</b>		
Term Loan A	\$ 762,500	\$ 800,000
Term Loan A-3	1,265,625	1,282,500
Term Loan B	1,693,125	1,697,500
Term Loan B-2	1,629,375	1,633,500
Senior notes	2,800,000	2,800,000
Acquisition obligations and other notes payable	66,825	67,352
Capital lease obligations	163,106	152,751
<b>Total debt principal outstanding</b>	<b>8,380,556</b>	<b>8,433,603</b>
Discount on long-term debt	(16,714)	(17,675)
	<b>8,363,842</b>	<b>8,415,928</b>
Less current portion	(292,220)	(274,697)
	<b>\$ 8,071,622</b>	<b>\$ 8,141,231</b>

Scheduled maturities of long-term debt at March 31, 2014 were as follows:

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2014	208,890
2015	845,479
2016	1,897,968
2017	911,372
2018	807,601
2019	1,565,989
Thereafter	2,143,257

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During the first three months of 2014, the Company made mandatory principal payments under its Senior Secured Credit Facilities totaling \$37,500 on the Term Loan A, \$16,875 on the Term Loan A-3, \$4,375 on the Term Loan B and \$4,125 on the Term Loan B-2.

The Company has entered into several interest rate swap agreements as a means of hedging its exposure to and volatility from variable-based interest rate changes as part of its overall interest rate risk management strategy. These agreements are not held for trading or speculative purposes and have the economic effect of converting the LIBOR variable component of the Company's interest rate to a fixed rate. These swap agreements are designated as cash flow hedges, and as a result, hedge-effective gains or losses resulting from changes in the fair values of these swaps are reported in other comprehensive income until such time as the hedged forecasted cash flows occur, at which time the amounts are reclassified into net income. Net amounts paid or received for each specific swap tranche that have settled have been reflected as adjustments to debt expense. In addition, the Company has entered into several interest rate cap agreements that have the economic effect of capping the Company's maximum exposure to LIBOR variable interest rate changes on specific portions of the Company's Term Loan B debt and Term Loan B-2 debt, as described below. Certain cap agreements are also designated as cash flow hedges and, as a result, changes in the fair values of these cap agreements are reported in other comprehensive income. Certain other cap agreements are ineffective cash flow hedges, and as a result, changes in the fair value of these cap agreements are reported in net income. The amortization of the original cap premium is recognized as a component of debt expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the cap agreements. The swap and cap agreements do not contain credit-risk contingent features.

As of March 31, 2014, the Company maintains several interest rate swap agreements that were entered into in March 2013 with amortizing notional amounts of these swap agreements totaling \$1,265,625. These agreements have the economic effect of modifying the LIBOR variable component of the Company's interest rate on an equivalent amount of the Company's Term Loan A-3 to fixed rates ranging from 0.49% to 0.52%, resulting in an overall weighted average effective interest rate of 3.01%, including the Term Loan A-3 margin of 2.50%. The swap agreements expire on September 30, 2016 and require monthly interest payments. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Company recognized debt expense of \$1,104 from these swaps. As of March 31, 2014, the total fair value of these swap agreements was a net asset of approximately \$3,717. The Company estimates that approximately \$3,930 of existing unrealized pre-tax losses in other comprehensive income at March 31, 2014 will be reclassified into income over the next twelve months.

In addition, as of March 31, 2014, the Company also maintains several forward interest rate swap agreements that were entered into in March 2013 with notional amounts totaling \$600,000 that will amortize after the swap agreements have become effective. These forward swap agreements will be effective September 30, 2014 and will have the economic effect of modifying the LIBOR variable component of the Company's interest rate on an equivalent amount of the Company's outstanding debt to fixed rates ranging from 0.72% to 0.75%. These swap agreements expire on September 30, 2016 and will require monthly interest payments beginning in October 2014. Any unrealized gains or losses resulting from changes in the fair value of these swaps is recorded in other comprehensive income. As of March 31, 2014, the total fair value of these swap agreements was a net asset of approximately \$880. The Company estimates that approximately \$1,555 of existing unrealized pre-tax losses in other comprehensive income at March 31, 2014 will be reclassified into income over the next twelve months.

As of March 31, 2014, the Company maintains several interest rate cap agreements that were entered into in March 2013 with notional amounts totaling \$1,250,000 on the Company's Term Loan B debt and \$1,485,000 on the Company's Term Loan B-2 debt. These agreements have the economic effect of capping the LIBOR variable



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component of the Company's interest rate at a maximum of 2.50% on an equivalent amount of the Company's Term Loan B and Term Loan B-2 debt. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Company recognized debt expense of \$610 from these caps. The cap agreements expire on September 30, 2016. As of March 31, 2014, the total fair value of these cap agreements was an asset of approximately \$6,219. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Company recorded a loss of \$1,347 in other comprehensive income due to a decrease in the unrealized fair value of these cap agreements.

As of March 31, 2014, the Company also maintains a total of nine other interest rate swap agreements with amortizing notional amounts totaling \$762,500. These agreements had the economic effect of modifying the LIBOR variable component of the Company's interest rate on an equivalent amount of the Company's Term Loan A to fixed rates ranging from 1.59% to 1.64%, resulting in an overall weighted average effective interest rate of 4.36%, including the Term Loan A margin of 2.75%. The swap agreements expire on September 30, 2014 and require monthly interest payments. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Company recognized debt expense of \$2,903 from these swaps. As of March 31, 2014, the total fair value of these swap agreements was a liability of approximately \$5,420. The Company estimates that approximately \$5,420 of existing unrealized pre-tax losses in other comprehensive income at March 31, 2014 will be reclassified into income over the next twelve months.

As of March 31, 2014, the Company also maintains five other interest rate cap agreements with notional amounts totaling \$1,250,000. These agreements have the economic effect of capping the LIBOR variable component of our interest rate at a maximum of 4.00% on an equivalent amount of our Term Loan B debt. However, as a result of the new interest rate cap agreements that were entered into in March 2013, as described above, these interest rate cap agreements became ineffective cash flow hedges and as a result any changes in the fair value associated with these interest rate cap agreements will be charged to income. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Company recognized debt expense of \$897 from these caps. The cap agreements expire on September 30, 2014.

The following table summarizes the Company's derivative instruments as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013:

Derivatives designated as hedging instruments	March 31, 2014		December 31, 2013	
	Balance sheet location	Fair value	Balance sheet location	Fair value
Interest rate swap agreements	Other short-term liabilities	\$ 10,905	Other short-term liabilities	\$ 12,069
Interest rate swap agreements	Other long-term assets	\$ 10,081	Other long-term assets	\$ 10,004
Interest rate cap agreements	Other long-term assets	\$ 6,219	Other long-term assets	\$ 7,567

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The following table summarizes the effects of the Company's interest rate swap and cap agreements for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013:

Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges	Amount of gains (losses) recognized in OCI on interest rate swap and cap agreements		Location of losses reclassified from accumulated OCI into income	Amount of losses reclassified from accumulated OCI into income	
	Three months ended			Three months ended	
	March 31, 2014	2013		March 31, 2014	2013
Interest rate swap agreements	\$ (2,764)	\$ (964)	Debt expense	\$ (4,006)	\$ (3,207)
Interest rate cap agreements	(1,347)	(2,913)	Debt expense	(1,507)	(897)
Tax benefit	1,606	1,508		2,154	1,597
Total	\$ (2,505)	\$ (2,369)		\$ (3,359)	\$ (2,507)

As of March 31, 2014, interest rates on the Company's Term Loan B and Term Loan B-2 debt are effectively fixed because of an embedded LIBOR floor which is higher than actual LIBOR as of such date and these term loans are also subject to interest rate caps if LIBOR should rise above 2.50%. See above for further details. Interest rates on the Company's senior notes are fixed by their terms. The LIBOR variable component of the Company's interest rates on the Company's Term Loan A and the Term Loan A-3 are economically fixed as a result of interest rate swaps.

As a result of embedded LIBOR floors in some of the Company's debt agreements and the swap and cap agreements, the Company's overall weighted average effective interest rate on the Senior Secured Credit Facilities was 4.19%, based upon the current margins in effect of 2.75% for the Term Loan A, 2.50% for the Term Loan A-3 and 3.00% for both the Term Loan B and for the Term Loan B-2, as of March 31, 2014.

The Company's overall weighted average effective interest rate during the first quarter of 2014 was 4.89% and as of March 31, 2014 was 4.87%.

As of March 31, 2014, the Company had undrawn revolving credit facilities totaling \$350,000 of which approximately \$83,000 was committed for outstanding letters of credit. In addition, HCP has an outstanding letter of credit of approximately \$1,000 that is secured by a certificate of deposit.

**9. Contingencies**

The majority of the Company's revenues are from government programs and may be subject to adjustment as a result of: (i) examination by government agencies or contractors, for which the resolution of any matters raised may take extended periods of time to finalize; (ii) differing interpretations of government regulations by different Medicare contractors or regulatory authorities; (iii) differing opinions regarding a patient's medical diagnosis or the medical necessity of services provided; and (iv) retroactive applications or interpretations of governmental requirements. In addition, the Company's revenues from commercial payors may be subject to adjustment as a result of potential claims for refunds, as a result of government actions or as a result of other claims by commercial payors.

***Inquiries by the Federal Government and Certain Related Civil Proceedings***

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Vainer Private Civil Suit: In December 2008, the Company received a subpoena for documents from the Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) relating to the

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pharmaceutical products Zemplar, Hectorol, Venofer, Ferrlecit and erythropoietin (EPO), as well as other related matters. The subpoena covered the period from January 2003 to December 2008. The Company has been in contact with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia and the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, DC since November 2008 relating to this matter, and has been advised that this was a civil inquiry. On June 17, 2009, the Company learned that the allegations underlying this inquiry were made as part of a civil complaint filed by individuals and brought pursuant to the *qui tam* provisions of the federal False Claims Act. On April 1, 2011, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia ordered the case to be unsealed. At that time, the Department of Justice and U.S. Attorney's Office filed a notice of declination stating that the federal government would not be intervening and not pursuing the relators' allegation in litigation. On July 25, 2011, the relators, Daniel Barbir and Dr. Alon Vainer, filed their amended complaint in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, purportedly on behalf of the federal government. The allegations in the complaint relate to the Company's drug administration practices for the Company's dialysis operations for Vitamin D and iron agents for a period from 2003 through 2010. The complaint seeks monetary damages and civil penalties as well as costs and expenses. The Company is vigorously defending this matter and intends to continue to do so. The Company can make no assurances as to the time or resources that will be needed to devote to this litigation or its final outcome.

**2010 U.S. Attorney Physician Relationship Investigation:** In May 2010, the Company received a subpoena from the OIG's office in Dallas, Texas. The civil subpoena covers the period from January 2005 to May 2010, and seeks production of a wide range of documents relating to the Company's dialysis operations, including documents related to, among other things, financial relationships with physicians and joint ventures, and whether those relationships and joint ventures comply with the federal anti-kickback statute and the False Claims Act. The Company has been advised by the attorneys conducting this civil investigation that they believe that some or all of the Company's joint ventures do not comply with the anti-kickback statute and the False Claims Act. The Company disagrees that its joint venture structure generally, which the Company believes is widely used in the dialysis industry and other segments of the healthcare industry substantially in the form that the Company uses it, violates the federal anti-kickback statute or the False Claims Act. As to individual transactions, the Company made significant effort to ensure that its joint venture structures and process complied with the rules, but the Company is talking with the government about addressing its concerns. The focus of this investigation overlaps substantially with the 2011 U.S. Attorney Physician Relationship Investigation described below. The Company has agreed to a framework for a global resolution with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado, the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice and the Office of the Inspector General for both the 2010 and the 2011 U.S. Attorney Physician Relationship Investigations. The final settlement remains subject to negotiation of specific terms. The settlement will include the payment of approximately \$389,000, entry into a corporate integrity agreement, the appointment of an independent compliance monitor, and the imposition of certain other business restrictions related to a subset of the Company's joint venture arrangements. Under the terms of the framework for resolution, the Company has agreed to unwind a limited subset of joint ventures that were created through partial divestiture to nephrologists, and agreed not to enter into this type of partial divestiture joint venture with nephrologists in the future. In 2013, the Company accrued an estimated loss contingency reserve of \$397,000 related to this matter. The final settlement remains subject to negotiation of specific terms and will continue to require management's attention and significant legal expense. The Company can make no assurances as to the final outcome.

**2011 U.S. Attorney Physician Relationship Investigation:** In August 2011, the Company announced it had learned that the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado would be investigating certain activities of its dialysis business in connection with information being provided to a grand jury. This investigation relates to the Company's relationships with physicians, including its joint ventures, and whether those relationships and joint

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ventures comply with the federal anti-kickback statute, and overlaps substantially with the 2010 U.S. Attorney Physician Relationship Investigation described above. As noted above, the Company has agreed to a framework for a global resolution with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado, the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice and the Office of the Inspector General for both the 2010 and the 2011 U.S. Attorney Physician Relationship Investigations. The final settlement remains subject to negotiation of specific terms and will continue to require management's attention and significant legal expense. The Company can make no assurances as to the final outcome.

**2011 U.S. Attorney Medicaid Investigation:** In October 2011, the Company announced that it would be receiving a request for documents, which could include an administrative subpoena from the OIG. Subsequent to the Company's announcement of this 2011 U.S. Attorney Medicaid Investigation, the Company received a request for documents in connection with the inquiry by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York. The request relates to payments for infusion drugs covered by Medicaid composite payments for dialysis. It is the Company's understanding that this inquiry is civil in nature. The Company understands that certain other providers that operate dialysis clinics in New York may be receiving or have received a similar request for documents. The Company has cooperated with the government and produced the requested documents. In April 2014, we reached an agreement in principle to resolve this matter. The specific terms of a settlement remain subject to ongoing negotiation.

**Swoben Private Civil Suit:** In April 2013, the Company's HealthCare Partners (HCP) subsidiary was served with a civil complaint filed by a former employee of SCAN Health Plan (SCAN), a health maintenance organization (HMO). On July 13, 2009, pursuant to the *qui tam* provisions of the federal False Claims Act and the California False Claims Act, James M. Swoben, as relator, filed a *qui tam* action in the United States District Court for the Central District of California purportedly on behalf of the United States of America and the State of California against SCAN, and certain other defendants whose identities were under seal. The allegations in the complaint relate to alleged overpayments received from government healthcare programs. In or about August 2012, SCAN entered into a settlement agreement with the United States of America and the State of California. The United States and the State of California partially intervened in the action for the purpose of settlement with and dismissal of the action against SCAN. In or about November 2011, the relator filed his Third Amended Complaint under seal alleging violations of the federal False Claims Act and the California False Claims Act, which named additional defendants, including HCP and certain health insurance companies (the defendant HMOs). The allegations in the complaint against HCP relate to patient diagnosis coding to determine reimbursement in the Medicare Advantage program, referred to as Hierarchical Condition Coding (HCC) and Risk Adjustment Factor (RAF) scores. The complaint sought monetary damages and civil penalties as well as costs and expenses. The United States Department of Justice reviewed these allegations and in January 2013 declined to intervene in the case. On June 26, 2013, HCP and the defendant HMOs filed their respective motions to dismiss the Third Amended Complaint pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6) and 9(b), challenging the legal sufficiency of the claims asserted in the complaint. On July 30, 2013, the court granted HCP's motion and dismissed with prejudice all of the claims in the Third Amended Complaint and judgment was entered in September 2013. The court specifically determined that further amendments to the complaint would be futile because, in part, the allegations were publicly disclosed in reports and other sources relating to audits conducted by the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services. In October 2013, the plaintiff appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the court's disposition of the appeal is pending.

Except for the private civil complaints filed by the relators as described above, to the Company's knowledge, no proceedings have been initiated against the Company at this time in connection with any of the inquiries by the federal government. Although the Company cannot predict whether or when proceedings might

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be initiated or when these matters may be resolved, it is not unusual for inquiries such as these to continue for a considerable period of time through the various phases of document and witness requests and on-going discussions with regulators. Responding to the subpoenas or inquiries and defending the Company in the relator proceedings will continue to require management's attention and significant legal expense. Any negative findings in the inquiries or relator proceedings could result in substantial financial penalties or awards against the Company, exclusion from future participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs and, to the extent criminal proceedings may be initiated against the Company, possible criminal penalties. At this time, the Company cannot predict the ultimate outcome of these inquiries, or the potential outcome of the relator's claims (except as described above), or the potential range of damages, if any.

**In re DaVita HealthCare Partners, Inc. Derivative Litigation:** On January 7, 2014, the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado consolidated the two previously disclosed shareholder derivative lawsuits: the Haverhill Retirement System action filed on May 17, 2013 and the Clark Shareholder action filed on August 7, 2012. The court appointed Haverhill lead plaintiff. The complaints filed against the directors of the Company and against the Company, as nominal defendant allege, among other things, that our directors breached fiduciary duties to the Company relating to the 2010 and 2011 U.S. Attorney Physician Relationship Investigations described above, the Vainer qui tam private civil suit described above and the Woodard qui tam private civil suit for which the Company previously announced a settlement in July 2012.

*Other*

The Company has received several notices of claims from commercial payors and other third parties related to historical billing practices and claims against DVA Renal Healthcare (formerly known as Gambro Healthcare), a subsidiary of the Company, related to historical Gambro Healthcare billing practices and other matters covered by its 2004 settlement agreement with the Department of Justice and certain agencies of the U.S. government. The Company has received no further indication that any of these claims are active, and some of them may be barred by applicable statutes of limitations. To the extent any of these claims might proceed, the Company intends to defend against them vigorously; however, the Company may not be successful and these claims may lead to litigation and any such litigation may be resolved unfavorably. At this time, the Company cannot predict the ultimate outcome of these matters or the potential range of damages, if any.

A wage and hour claim, which has been styled as a class action, is pending against the Company in the Superior Court of California. The Company was served with the complaint in this lawsuit in April 2008, and it has been amended since that time. The complaint, as amended, alleges that the Company failed to provide meal periods, failed to pay compensation in lieu of providing rest or meal periods, failed to pay overtime, and failed to comply with certain other California Labor Code requirements. In September 2011, the court denied the plaintiffs' motion for class certification. Plaintiffs appealed that decision. In January 2013, the Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court's decision on some claims, but remanded the case to the trial court for clarification of its decision on one of the claims. The Company has reached an agreement with the plaintiffs to settle the claim that was remanded to the trial court, and the court has preliminarily approved that settlement. The amount of the settlement is not material to the Company's consolidated financial statements. The Company intends to continue to vigorously defend against the remaining claims. Any potential settlement of the remaining claims is not anticipated to be material to the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In addition to the foregoing, the Company is subject to claims and suits, including from time to time, contractual disputes and professional and general liability claims, as well as audits and investigations by various

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government entities, in the ordinary course of business. The Company believes that the ultimate resolution of any such pending proceedings, whether the underlying claims are covered by insurance or not, will not have a material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

**10. Noncontrolling interests subject to put provisions and other commitments**

The Company has potential obligations to purchase the noncontrolling interests held by third parties in several of its majority-owned joint ventures, non-owned and minority-owned entities. These obligations are in the form of put provisions and are exercisable at the third-party owners' discretion within specified periods as outlined in each specific put provision. If these put provisions were exercised, the Company would be required to purchase the third-party owners' noncontrolling interests at either the appraised fair market value or a predetermined multiple of earnings or cash flow attributable to the noncontrolling interests put to the Company, which is intended to approximate fair value. The methodology the Company uses to estimate the fair values of noncontrolling interests subject to put provisions assumes the higher of either a liquidation value of net assets or an average multiple of earnings, based on historical earnings, patient mix and other performance indicators that can affect future results, as well as other factors. The estimated fair values of the noncontrolling interests subject to put provisions is a critical accounting estimate that involves significant judgments and assumptions and may not be indicative of the actual values at which the noncontrolling interest may ultimately be settled, which could vary significantly from the Company's current estimates. The estimated fair values of noncontrolling interests subject to put provisions can fluctuate and the implicit multiple of earnings at which these noncontrolling interests obligations may be settled will vary significantly depending upon market conditions including potential purchasers' access to the capital markets, which can impact the level of competition for dialysis and non-dialysis related businesses, the economic performance of these businesses and the restricted marketability of the third-party owners' noncontrolling interests. The amount of noncontrolling interests subject to put provisions that employ a contractually predetermined multiple of earnings rather than fair value are immaterial.

Additionally, the Company has certain other potential commitments to provide operating capital to several dialysis centers that are wholly-owned by third parties or centers in which the Company owns a minority equity investment as well as to physician-owned vascular access clinics or medical practices that the Company operates under management and administrative service agreements of approximately \$2,000.

Certain consolidated joint ventures are contractually scheduled to dissolve after terms ranging from ten to fifty years. Accordingly, the noncontrolling interests in these joint ventures are considered mandatorily redeemable instruments, for which the classification and measurement requirements have been indefinitely deferred. Future distributions upon dissolution of these entities would be valued below the related noncontrolling interest carrying balances in the consolidated balance sheet.

**11. Stock-based compensation**

The Company's stock-based compensation awards are measured at their estimated fair values on the date of grant if settled in shares or at their estimated fair values at the end of each reporting period if settled in cash. The value of stock-based awards so measured is recognized as compensation expense on a cumulative straight-line basis over the vesting terms of the awards, adjusted for expected forfeitures.

During the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Company granted 29 stock-settled stock appreciation rights with an aggregate grant-date fair value of \$452 and a weighted-average expected life of approximately 4.3 years, and also granted 2 stock units with an aggregate grant-date fair value of \$167 and a weighted-average expected life of approximately 0.2 years.

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For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company recognized \$15,074 and \$16,021, respectively, in stock-based compensation expense for stock appreciation rights, stock units and discounted employee stock plan purchases, which are primarily included in general and administrative expenses. The estimated tax benefits recorded for stock-based compensation through March 31, 2014 and 2013 was \$5,580 and \$6,088, respectively. As of March 31, 2014, there was \$79,262 of total estimated unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested stock-based compensation arrangements under the Company's equity compensation and stock purchase plans. The Company expects to recognize this cost over a weighted average remaining period of 1.2 years.

For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company received \$22,978 and \$9,368, respectively, in actual tax benefits upon the exercise of stock awards.

**12. Comprehensive income**

	For the three months ended March 31, 2014				For the three months ended March 31, 2013			
	Interest rate swap and cap agreements	Investment securities	Foreign currency translation adjustments	Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	Interest rate swap and cap agreements	Investment securities	Foreign currency translation adjustments	Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)
Beginning balance	\$ (2,344)	\$ 3,120	\$ (3,421)	\$ (2,645)	\$ (15,402)	\$ 1,310	\$ (1,205)	\$ (15,297)
Unrealized (losses) gains	(4,111)	530	28	(3,553)	(3,877)	1,011	(2,106)	(4,972)
Related income tax benefit (expense)	1,606	(199)		1,407	1,508	(393)		1,115
	(2,505)	331	28	(2,146)	(2,369)	618	(2,106)	(3,857)
Reclassification from accumulated other comprehensive income into net income	5,513	(340)		5,173	4,104	(155)		3,949
Related tax	(2,154)	133		(2,021)	(1,597)	61		(1,536)
	3,359	(207)		3,152	2,507	(94)		2,413
Ending balance	\$ (1,490)	\$ 3,244	\$ (3,393)	\$ (1,639)	\$ (15,264)	\$ 1,834	\$ (3,311)	\$ (16,741)

The reclassification of net swap and cap realized losses into income are recorded as debt expense in the corresponding condensed consolidated statements of income. See Note 8 to the condensed consolidated financial statements for further details.

The reclassification of net investment realized gains into income are recorded in other income in the corresponding condensed consolidated statements of income. See Note 4 to the condensed consolidated financial statements for further details.



**13. Acquisitions**

During the first three months of 2014, the Company acquired dialysis businesses and other businesses consisting of one dialysis center located in the U.S. and other medical businesses for a total of \$67,857 in net cash and deferred

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purchase price obligations totaling \$10,100. The assets and liabilities for all acquisitions were recorded at their estimated fair values at the dates of the acquisitions and are included in the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements and operating results from the designated effective dates of the acquisitions. Certain income tax amounts are pending final evaluation and quantification of any pre-acquisition tax contingencies. In addition, valuation of medical claims reserves and certain other working capital items relating to several of these acquisitions are pending final quantification.

The following table summarizes the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in these transactions and recognized at their acquisition dates at estimated fair values:

	<b>Three months ended March 31, 2014</b>
Tangible assets, principally leasehold improvements and equipment, net of cash	\$ 646
Amortizable intangible and other long-term assets	48,443
Goodwill	29,109
Other adjustments	(241)
<b>Aggregate purchase price</b>	<b>\$ 77,957</b>

Amortizable intangible assets acquired during the first three months of 2014 had weighted-average estimated useful lives of 10 years. The total amount of goodwill deductible for tax purposes associated with these acquisitions was approximately \$19,196.

**Contingent earn-out obligations**

The Company has several contingent earn-out obligations associated with acquisitions that could result in the Company paying the former shareholders of those acquired companies a total of up to \$131,500 or a certain portion of that amount if certain EBITDA performance targets and quality margins are met over the next three years, if certain percentages of operating income are met over the next five years or if certain percentages of other annual EBITDA targets are met. As of March 31, 2014, the Company has estimated the fair value of these contingent earn-out obligations to be \$36,691.

Contingent earn-out obligations will be remeasured to fair value at each reporting date until the contingencies are resolved with changes in the liability due to the re-measurement recorded in earnings. See Note 15 to the condensed consolidated financial statements for further details. Of the total contingent earn-out obligations of \$36,691 recognized at March 31, 2014, a total of \$6,577 is included in other accrued liabilities and the remaining \$30,114 is included in other long-term liabilities in the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheet.

The following is a reconciliation of changes in the contingent earn-out obligations for the three months ended March 31, 2014:

Beginning balance, January 1, 2014	\$ 28,058
Contingent earn-out obligations associated with acquisitions	9,875
Remeasurement of fair value for other contingent earn-outs	(1,026)

Payments of contingent earn-outs

(216)

\$ 36,691

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**14. Variable interest entities**

The Company relies on the operating activities of certain entities that it does not directly own or control, but over which it has indirect influence and of which it is considered the primary beneficiary. These entities are subject to the consolidation guidance applicable to variable interest entities (VIEs).

Under U.S. GAAP, VIEs typically include (i) those for which the entity's equity is not sufficient to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support; (ii) those for which the equity holders as a group lack the power to direct the activities that most significantly influence the entity's economic performance, the obligation to absorb the entity's expected losses, or the right to receive the entity's expected returns; or (iii) those for which the voting rights of some investors are not proportional to their obligations to absorb the entity's losses.

Under U.S. GAAP, the Company has determined that substantially all of the entities it is associated with that qualify as VIEs must be included in its consolidated financial statements. The Company manages these entities and provides operating and capital funding as necessary for the entities to accomplish their operational and strategic objectives. A number of these entities are subject to nominee share ownership or share transfer restriction agreements that effectively transfer the majority of the economic risks and rewards of their ownership to the Company. In other cases the Company's management agreements with these entities include both financial terms and protective and participating rights to the entities' operating, strategic and non-clinical governance decisions which transfer substantial powers over and economic responsibility for the entities to the Company. In some cases such entities are subject to broad exclusivity or noncompetition restrictions that benefit the Company. Further, in some cases the Company has contractual arrangements with its related party nominee owners that effectively indemnify these parties from the economic losses from, or entitle the Company to the economic benefits of, these entities.

The analyses upon which these consolidation determinations rest are complex, involve uncertainties, and require significant judgment on various matters, some of which could be subject to different interpretations. At March 31, 2014, these consolidated financial statements include total assets of VIEs of \$519,107 and total liabilities and noncontrolling interests of VIEs to third parties of \$327,732.

The Company also sponsors certain deferred compensation plans whose trusts qualify as VIEs and the Company consolidates each of these plans as their primary beneficiary. The assets of these plans are recorded in short-term or long-term investments with matching offsetting liabilities recorded in accrued compensation and benefits and other long-term liabilities. See Note 4 for disclosures on the assets of these consolidated non-qualified deferred compensation plans.

**15. Fair value of financial instruments**

The Company measures the fair value of certain assets, liabilities and noncontrolling interests subject to put provisions (temporary equity) based upon certain valuation techniques that include observable or unobservable inputs and assumptions that market participants would use in pricing these assets, liabilities, temporary equity and commitments. The Company also has classified certain assets, liabilities and temporary equity that are measured at fair value into the appropriate fair value hierarchy levels as defined by the FASB.

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The following table summarizes the Company's assets, liabilities and temporary equity measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2014:

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)</b>	<b>Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)</b>	<b>Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)</b>
<b>Assets</b>				
Available-for-sale securities	\$ 20,532	\$ 20,532	\$	\$
Interest rate cap agreements	\$ 6,219	\$	\$ 6,219	\$
Interest rate swap agreements	\$ 10,081	\$	\$ 10,081	\$
Funds on deposit with third parties	\$ 74,954	\$ 74,954	\$	\$
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Contingent earn-out obligations	\$ 36,691	\$	\$	\$ 36,691
Interest rate swap agreements	\$ 10,905	\$	\$ 10,905	\$
<b>Temporary equity</b>				
Noncontrolling interests subject to put provisions	\$ 692,780	\$	\$	\$ 692,780

The available for sale securities represent investments in various open-ended registered investment companies, or mutual funds, and are recorded at fair value based upon quoted prices reported by each mutual fund. See Note 4 to these condensed consolidated financial statements for further discussion.

The interest rate swap and cap agreements are recorded at fair value based upon valuation models utilizing the income approach and commonly accepted valuation techniques that use inputs from closing prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets as well as other relevant observable market inputs at quoted intervals such as current interest rates, forward yield curves, implied volatility and credit default swap pricing. The Company does not believe the ultimate amount that could be realized upon settlement of these interest rate swap and cap agreements would be materially different from the fair values currently reported. See Note 8 to the condensed consolidated financial statements for further discussion.

The funds on deposit with third parties represent funds held with various third parties as required by regulation or contract and invested by those parties in various investments, which are measured at estimated fair value based primarily on quoted market prices.

The estimated fair value measurements of contingent earn-out obligations are primarily based on unobservable inputs including projected EBITDA, estimated probabilities of achieving gross margin of certain medical procedures and the estimated probability of earn-out payments being made using an option pricing technique and a simulation model for expected EBITDA and operating income. In addition, a probability adjusted model was used to estimate the fair values of the quality results amounts. The estimated fair value of these contingent earn-out obligations will be remeasured as of each reporting date and could fluctuate based upon any significant changes in key assumptions, such as

changes in the Company credit risk adjusted rate that is used to discount obligations to present value.

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See Note 10 to these condensed consolidated financial statements for a discussion of the Company's methodology for estimating the fair value of noncontrolling interests subject to put obligations.

Other financial instruments consist primarily of cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable, other accrued liabilities and debt. The balances of the non-debt financial instruments are presented in the consolidated financial statements at March 31, 2014 at their approximate fair values due to the short-term nature of their settlements. The carrying balance of the Company's Senior Secured Credit Facilities totaled \$5,333,911 as of March 31, 2014, and the fair value was approximately \$5,370,500 based upon quoted market prices. The fair value of the Company's senior notes was approximately \$2,971,200 at March 31, 2014 based upon quoted market prices, as compared to the carrying amount of \$2,800,000.

**16. Segment reporting**

The Company primarily operates two major lines of business, the largest being its U.S. dialysis and related lab services business and the other being HCP. The Company also operates various other ancillary services and strategic initiatives.

As of March 31, 2014, the ancillary services and strategic initiatives consisted primarily of pharmacy services, disease management services, vascular access services, ESRD clinical research programs, physician services, direct primary care and the Company's international dialysis operations.

The Company's operating segments have been defined based on the separate financial information that is regularly produced and reviewed by the Company's chief operating decision makers in making decisions about allocating resources to and assessing the financial results of the Company's different business units. The chief operating decision maker for the Company, its U.S. dialysis business and its ancillary services and strategic initiatives, is its Chief Executive Officer. The chief operating decision makers for the HCP business are the Chief Executive Officer and HCP's Chief Executive Officer.

The Company's separate operating segments include its U.S. dialysis and related lab services business, its HCP operations in each region, each of its ancillary services and strategic initiatives, and its international operations in the European and Middle Eastern, Asia Pacific, and Latin American regions. The U.S. dialysis and related lab services business and the HCP business each qualify as separately reportable segments, and all of the other ancillary services and strategic initiatives operating segments, including the international operating segments, have been combined and disclosed in the other segments category.

The Company's operating segment financial information included in this report is prepared on the internal management reporting basis that the chief operating decision maker uses to allocate resources and assess the financial results of the operating segments. For internal management reporting, segment operations include direct segment operating expenses but exclude corporate support expenses, which consists primarily of indirect labor, benefits and long-term incentive based compensation of certain departments which provide support to all of the Company's different operating lines of business. Corporate support expenses in the first quarter of 2014, have been reduced by internal management fees paid by the Company's ancillary lines of businesses.

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The following is a summary of segment net revenues, segment operating margin (loss), and a reconciliation of segment operating margin to consolidated income from continuing operations before income taxes:

	<b>Three months ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Segment net revenues:</b>		
<b>U.S. dialysis and related lab services</b>		
Patient service revenues:		
External sources	\$ 2,028,743	\$ 1,908,783
Intersegment revenues	7,832	7,511
Total dialysis and related lab services revenues	2,036,575	1,916,294
Less: Provision for uncollectible accounts	(81,463)	(67,071)
Net dialysis and related lab services patient service revenues	1,955,112	1,849,223
Other revenues <sup>(1)</sup>	3,154	2,895
Total net dialysis and related lab services revenues	1,958,266	1,852,118
<b>HCP</b>		
HCP revenues:		
Capitated revenues	771,542	746,071
Net patient service revenues	56,222	53,602
Other revenues <sup>(2)</sup>	12,523	4,086
Intersegment capitated and other revenues	152	
Total revenues	840,439	803,759
<b>Other Ancillary services and strategic initiatives</b>		
Net patient service revenues U.S.	4,153	3,439
Net patient service revenues International.	23,246	11,063
Capitated revenues	16,023	16,544
Other external sources U.S.	206,955	148,758
Other external sources International.	1,678	1,412
Intersegment revenues	4,819	2,779
Total ancillary services and strategic initiatives revenues	256,874	183,995
Total net segment revenues	3,055,579	2,839,872
Elimination of intersegment revenues	(12,803)	(10,290)
Consolidated net revenues	\$ 3,042,776	\$ 2,829,582



<b>Segment operating margin (loss):</b>		
U.S. dialysis and related lab services	\$ 386,700	\$ 84,813
HCP	53,953	108,084
Other Ancillary services and strategic initiatives	1,678	(14,601)
Total segment margin	442,331	178,296
<b>Reconciliation of segment operating margin to consolidated income from continuing operations before income taxes:</b>		
Corporate support expenses	(1,106)	(11,435)
Consolidated operating income	441,225	166,861
Debt expense	(106,335)	(105,817)
Other income, net	1,698	598
Consolidated income from continuing operations before income taxes	\$ 336,588	\$ 61,642

- <sup>(1)</sup> Includes management fees for providing management and administrative services to dialysis centers that are wholly-owned by third parties or centers in which the Company owns a minority equity investment.

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<sup>(2)</sup> Includes payments received for medical consulting services and management fees for providing management and administrative services to an unconsolidated joint venture that provides medical services in which the Company owns a 50% interest.

For the three months ended March 31, 2014, depreciation and amortization expense for the U.S. dialysis and related lab services, HCP and the ancillary services and strategic initiatives was \$96,443, \$41,737 and \$4,399, respectively.

For the three months ended March 31, 2013, depreciation and amortization expense for the U.S. dialysis and related lab services, HCP and the ancillary services and strategic initiatives was \$84,953, \$38,017 and \$2,939, respectively.

**Summary of assets by segment is as follows:**

	<b>March 31, 2014</b>	<b>December 31, 2013</b>
<b>Segment assets</b>		
U.S. dialysis and related lab services	\$ 10,451,802	\$ 10,248,993
HCP	6,320,690	6,265,767
Other Ancillary services and strategic initiatives	625,850	584,117
<b>Consolidated assets</b>	<b>\$ 17,398,342</b>	<b>\$ 17,098,877</b>

For the three months ended March 31, 2014, the total amount of expenditures for property and equipment, excluding capital leases for the U.S. dialysis and related lab services was \$113,230, \$4,502 for HCP and was \$8,830 for the ancillary services and strategic initiatives.

For the three months ended March 31, 2013, the total amount of expenditures for property and equipment, excluding capital leases for U.S. dialysis and related lab services, was \$102,076, \$6,539 for HCP and was \$8,109 for the ancillary services and strategic initiatives.

**17. Changes in DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc. s ownership interest in consolidated subsidiaries**

The effects of changes in DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc. s ownership interest on the Company s equity are as follows:

	<b>Three months ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Net income attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.	\$ 183,289	\$ 30,164
Increase (decrease) in paid-in capital for sales of noncontrolling interests	81	(809)
Increase in paid-in capital for adjustments in ownership interests	210	
Net transfers to noncontrolling interests	291	(809)
	<b>\$ 183,580</b>	<b>\$ 29,355</b>

Change from net income attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc. and transfers to noncontrolling interests

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**18. New accounting standards**

In April 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-08, *Presentation of Financial Statements (Topic 205) and Property, Plant, and Equipment (Topic 360): Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity*. The amendments in the ASU change the criteria for reporting discontinued operations while enhancing disclosures in this area. It also addresses sources of confusion and inconsistent application related to financial reporting of discontinued operations guidance in U.S. GAAP. Under the new guidance, only disposals representing a strategic shift in operations should be presented as discontinued operations. Those strategic shifts should have a major effect on the organization's operations and financial results. Examples include a disposal of a major geographic area, a major line of business, or a major equity method investment. In addition, the new guidance requires expanded disclosures about discontinued operations that will provide financial statement users with more information about the assets, liabilities, income, and expenses of discontinued operations. The new guidance also requires disclosure of the pre-tax income attributable to a disposal of a significant part of an organization that does not qualify for discontinued operations reporting. This disclosure will provide users with information about the ongoing trends in a reporting organization's results from continuing operations. The amendments in this ASU enhance convergence between U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). Part of the new definition of discontinued operation is based on elements of the definition of discontinued operations in IFRS 5, *Non-Current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations*. The amendments in the ASU are effective in the first quarter of 2015 for public organizations with calendar year ends. Early adoption is permitted. The adoption of this standard will not have a material impact on the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**19. Condensed consolidating financial statements**

The following information is presented in accordance with Rule 3-10 of Regulation S-X. The operating and investing activities of the separate legal entities included in the Company's consolidated financial statements are fully interdependent and integrated. Revenues and operating expenses of the separate legal entities include intercompany charges for management and other administrative services. The Company's senior notes are guaranteed by substantially all of its domestic wholly-owned subsidiaries. Each of the guarantor subsidiaries has guaranteed the notes on a joint and several basis. However, the guarantor subsidiaries can be released from their obligations in the event of a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of such subsidiary, including by merger or consolidation or the sale of all equity interests in such subsidiary owned by the Company, if such subsidiary guarantor is designated as an unrestricted subsidiary or otherwise ceases to be a restricted subsidiary, and if such subsidiary guarantor no longer guaranties any other indebtedness of the Company. Non-wholly-owned subsidiaries, certain wholly-owned subsidiaries, foreign subsidiaries, joint ventures, partnerships, non-owned entities and third parties are not guarantors of these obligations.

**Condensed Consolidating Statements of Income**

<b>For the three months ended March 31, 2014</b>	<b>DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.</b>	<b>Guarantor subsidiaries</b>	<b>Non-Guarantor subsidiaries</b>	<b>Consolidating adjustments</b>	<b>Consolidated total</b>
Patient service revenues	\$	\$ 1,513,748	\$ 598,887	\$ 1,463	\$ 2,114,098
Less: Provision for uncollectible accounts		(49,906)	(33,291)		(83,197)
Net patient service revenues		1,463,842	565,596	1,463	2,030,901
Capitated revenues		697,081	366,129	(275,645)	787,565
Other revenues	163,043	393,304	32,291	(364,328)	224,310
Total net revenues	163,043	2,554,227	964,016	(638,510)	3,042,776
Operating expenses	112,297	2,259,571	868,193	(638,510)	2,601,551
Operating income	50,746	294,656	95,823		441,225
Debt expense	(105,283)	(91,437)	(9,739)	100,124	(106,335)
Other income (expense)	99,943	1,556	323	(100,124)	1,698
Income tax expense	18,389	104,030	2,432		124,851
Equity earnings in subsidiaries	156,272	55,527		(211,799)	
Net income	183,289	156,272	83,975	(211,799)	211,737
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests				(28,448)	(28,448)
Net income attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.	\$ 183,289	\$ 156,272	\$ 83,975	\$ (240,247)	\$ 183,289



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<b>For the three months ended March 31, 2013</b>	<b>DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.</b>	<b>Guarantor subsidiaries</b>	<b>Non-Guarantor subsidiaries</b>	<b>Consolidating adjustments</b>	<b>Consolidated total</b>
Patient service revenues	\$	\$ 1,452,220	\$ 536,658	\$ (9,005)	\$ 1,979,873
Less: Provision for uncollectible accounts		(63,857)	(6,200)		(70,057)
Net patient service revenues		1,388,363	530,458	(9,005)	1,909,816
Capitated revenues		360,024	403,675	(1,084)	762,615
Other revenues	135,375	358,457	17,657	(354,338)	157,151
Total net revenues	135,375	2,106,844	951,790	(364,427)	2,829,582
Operating expenses	120,504	2,081,223	825,421	(364,427)	2,662,721
Operating income	14,871	25,621	126,369		166,861
Debt expense	(105,331)	(94,715)	(10,723)	104,952	(105,817)
Other income (expense)	100,221	5,967	(638)	(104,952)	598
Income tax expense (benefit)	4,597	(3,212)	13,759		15,144
Equity earnings in subsidiaries	25,000	66,077		(91,077)	
Income from continuing operations	30,164	6,162	101,249	(91,077)	46,498
Discontinued operations			13,236		13,236
Net income	30,164	6,162	114,485	(91,077)	59,734
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests				(29,570)	(29,570)
Net income attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.	\$ 30,164	\$ 6,162	\$ 114,485	\$ (120,647)	\$ 30,164

**Condensed Consolidating Statements of Comprehensive Income**

<b>For the three months ended March 31, 2014</b>	<b>DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.</b>	<b>Guarantor subsidiaries</b>	<b>Non-Guarantor subsidiaries</b>	<b>Consolidating adjustments</b>	<b>Consolidated total</b>
Net income	\$ 183,289	\$ 156,272	\$ 83,975	\$ (211,799)	\$ 211,737
Other comprehensive income	1,006				1,006
Total comprehensive income	184,295	156,272	83,975	(211,799)	212,743
Less: comprehensive income attributable to the noncontrolling interests				(28,448)	(28,448)
Comprehensive income attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.	\$ 184,295	\$ 156,272	\$ 83,975	\$ (240,247)	\$ 184,295

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**For the three months ended March 31, 2013**

Net income	\$ 30,164	\$ 6,162	\$ 114,485	\$ (91,077)	\$ 59,734
Other comprehensive loss	(1,444)				(1,444)
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>28,720</b>	<b>6,162</b>	<b>114,485</b>	<b>(91,077)</b>	<b>58,290</b>
Less: comprehensive income attributable to the noncontrolling interests				(29,570)	(29,570)
<b>Comprehensive income attributable to DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.</b>	<b>\$ 28,720</b>	<b>\$ 6,162</b>	<b>\$ 114,485</b>	<b>\$ (120,647)</b>	<b>\$ 28,720</b>



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**Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheets**

<b>As of March 31, 2014</b>	<b>DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.</b>	<b>Guarantor subsidiaries</b>	<b>Non-Guarantor subsidiaries</b>	<b>Consolidating adjustments</b>	<b>Consolidated total</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 793,890	\$ 142,955	\$ 171,224	\$	\$ 1,108,069
Accounts receivable, net		974,294	565,434		1,539,728
Other current assets	28,046	933,748	97,642		1,059,436
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>821,936</b>	<b>2,050,997</b>	<b>834,300</b>		<b>3,707,233</b>
Property and equipment, net	181,470	1,380,425	662,544		2,224,439
Amortizable intangibles, net	72,736	1,890,759	62,327		2,025,822
Investments in subsidiaries	8,451,785	1,407,504		(9,859,289)	
Intercompany receivables	3,820,966		453,436	(4,274,402)	
Other long-term assets and investments	60,391	69,829	68,449		198,669
Goodwill		7,878,857	1,363,322		9,242,179
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 13,409,284</b>	<b>\$ 14,678,371</b>	<b>\$ 3,444,378</b>	<b>\$ (14,133,691)</b>	<b>\$ 17,398,342</b>
Current liabilities	434,428	1,757,191	374,555		2,566,174
Intercompany payables		3,264,363	1,010,039	(4,274,402)	
Long-term debt and other long-term liabilities	7,873,226	1,205,032	223,494		9,301,752
Noncontrolling interests subject to put provisions	442,063			250,717	692,780
Total DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc. shareholders equity	4,659,567	8,451,785	1,407,504	(9,859,289)	4,659,567
Noncontrolling interests not subject to put provisions			428,786	(250,717)	178,069
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>4,659,567</b>	<b>8,451,785</b>	<b>1,836,290</b>	<b>(10,110,006)</b>	<b>4,837,636</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>\$ 13,409,284</b>	<b>\$ 14,678,371</b>	<b>\$ 3,444,378</b>	<b>\$ (14,133,691)</b>	<b>\$ 17,398,342</b>
<b>As of December 31, 2013</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 602,188	\$ 175,004	\$ 169,057	\$	\$ 946,249
Accounts receivable, net		939,543	545,620		1,485,163
Other current assets	27,910	904,852	108,104		1,040,866
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>630,098</b>	<b>2,019,399</b>	<b>822,781</b>		<b>3,472,278</b>
Property and equipment, net	177,633	1,378,017	633,761		2,189,411
Amortizable intangibles, net	77,531	1,882,685	64,157		2,024,373
Investments in subsidiaries	8,231,059	1,391,655		(9,622,714)	
Intercompany receivables	3,983,214		480,993	(4,464,207)	
Other long-term assets and investments	61,391	70,728	67,722		199,841
Goodwill		7,850,910	1,362,064		9,212,974

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Total assets	\$ 13,160,926	\$ 14,593,394	\$ 3,431,478	\$ (14,086,921)	\$ 17,098,877
Current liabilities	\$ 328,875	\$ 1,776,419	\$ 356,755	\$	\$ 2,462,049
Intercompany payables		3,426,433	1,037,774	(4,464,207)	
Long-term debt and other long-term liabilities	7,948,390	1,159,483	226,114		9,333,987
Noncontrolling interests subject to put provisions	451,182			246,118	697,300
Total DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc. shareholders equity	4,432,479	8,231,059	1,391,655	(9,622,714)	4,432,479
Noncontrolling interests not subject to put provisions			419,180	(246,118)	173,062
Total equity	4,432,479	8,231,059	1,810,835	(9,868,832)	4,605,541
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 13,160,926	\$ 14,593,394	\$ 3,431,478	\$ (14,086,921)	\$ 17,098,877

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(dollars and shares in thousands, except per share data)

**Condensed Consolidating Statements of Cash Flows**

<b>For the three months ended March 31, 2014</b>	<b>DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.</b>	<b>Guarantor subsidiaries</b>	<b>Non-Guarantor subsidiaries</b>	<b>Consolidating adjustments</b>	<b>Consolidated total</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>					
Net income	\$ 183,289	\$ 156,272	\$ 83,975	\$ (211,799)	\$ 211,737
Changes in operating assets and liabilities and non-cash items included in net income	(28,933)	(2,155)	26,659	211,799	207,370
Net cash provided by operating activities	154,356	154,117	110,634		419,107
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>					
Additions of property and equipment, net	(11,100)	(60,113)	(55,349)		(126,562)
Acquisitions		(67,857)			(67,857)
Proceeds from asset and business sales		56			56
Purchases/proceeds from investment sales and other items	(776)	135	(789)		(1,430)
Net cash used in investing activities	(11,876)	(127,779)	(56,138)		(195,793)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>					
Long-term debt and related financing costs, net	(62,853)	(1,579)	(721)		(65,153)
Intercompany borrowing	90,289	(57,572)	(32,717)		
Other items	21,786	764	(19,522)		3,028
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	49,222	(58,387)	(52,960)		(62,125)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash			631		631
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	191,702	(32,049)	2,167		161,820
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	602,188	175,004	169,057		946,249
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 793,890	\$ 142,955	\$ 171,224	\$	\$ 1,108,069
<b>For the three months ended March 31, 2013</b>					
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>					
Net income	\$ 30,164	\$ 6,162	\$ 114,485	\$ (91,077)	\$ 59,734
Changes in operating assets and liabilities and non-cash items included in net income	(26,097)	302,603	(48,110)	91,077	319,473
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	4,067	308,765	66,375		379,207

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<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>				
Additions of property and equipment, net	(19,582)	(51,574)	(45,568)	(116,724)
Acquisitions		(81,505)	(9,993)	(91,498)
Proceeds from asset sales	60,650	1,707		62,357
Purchases of investments and other items	(125)	(21)		(146)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	40,943	(131,393)	(55,561)	(146,011)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>				
Long-term debt and related financing costs, net	(50,725)	(3,907)	(9,055)	(63,687)
Intercompany borrowing	101,717	(121,198)	19,481	
Other items	12,790	4,174	(20,669)	(3,705)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	63,782	(120,931)	(10,243)	(67,392)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash			119	119
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	108,792	56,441	690	165,923
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	195,037	166,107	172,604	533,748
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 303,829	\$ 222,548	\$ 173,294	\$ 699,671

**Table of Contents****Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.****Forward-looking statements**

*This Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contains statements that are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. All statements that do not concern historical facts are forward-looking statements and include, among other things, statements about our expectations, beliefs, intentions and/or strategies for the future. These forward-looking statements include statements regarding our future operations, financial condition and prospects, expectations for treatment growth rates, revenue per treatment, expense growth, levels of the provision for uncollectible accounts receivable, operating income, cash flow, operating cash flow, estimated tax rates, capital expenditures, the development of new dialysis centers and dialysis center acquisitions, government and commercial payment rates, revenue estimating risk and the impact of our level of indebtedness on our financial performance and including earnings per share. These statements involve substantial known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements, including but not limited to, risks resulting from the concentration of profits generated by higher-paying commercial payor plans for which there is continued downward pressure on average realized payment rates, and a reduction in the number of patients under such plans, which may result in the loss of revenues or patients, a reduction in government payment rates under the Medicare ESRD program or other government-based programs, the impact of health care reform legislation that was enacted in the U.S. in March 2010, the impact of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) 2014 Medicare Advantage benchmark structure, the impact of the American Taxpayer Relief Act, the impact of the sequestration that went into effect on April 1, 2013, the impact of disruptions in federal government operations and funding, changes in pharmaceutical or anemia management practice patterns, payment policies, or pharmaceutical pricing, legal compliance risks, including our continued compliance with complex government regulations and current or potential investigations by various government entities and related government or private-party proceedings, including risks relating to the final resolution of the 2010 and 2011 U.S. Attorney Physician Relationship Investigations, such as restrictions on our business and operations required by a corporate integrity agreement and other settlement terms, and the financial impact thereof, continued increased competition from large and medium-sized dialysis providers that compete directly with us, our ability to maintain contracts with physician medical directors, changing affiliation models for physicians, and the emergence of new models of care introduced by the government or private sector that may erode our patient base and reimbursement rates such as accountable care organizations (ACOs), independent practice associations (IPAs) and integrated delivery systems, or to businesses outside of dialysis and HCP's business, our ability to complete acquisitions, mergers or dispositions that we might be considering or announce, or to integrate and successfully operate any business we may acquire or have acquired, including HCP, or to expand our operations and services to markets outside the U.S., variability of our cash flows, the risk that we might invest material amounts of capital and incur significant costs in connection with the growth and development of our international operations, yet we might not be able to operate them profitably anytime soon, if at all, risks arising from the use of accounting estimates, judgments and interpretations in our financial statements, loss of key HCP employees, potential disruption from the HCP transaction making it more difficult to maintain business and operational relationships with customers, partners, associated physicians and physician groups, hospitals and others, the risk that laws regulating the corporate practice of medicine could restrict the manner in which HCP conducts its business, the risk that the cost of providing services under HCP's agreements may exceed our compensation, the risk that reductions in reimbursement rates, including Medicare Advantage rates, and future regulations may negatively impact HCP's business, revenue and profitability, the risk that HCP may not be able to successfully establish a presence in new geographic regions or successfully address competitive threats that could reduce its profitability, the risk that a disruption in HCP's healthcare provider networks could have an adverse effect on HCP's operations and profitability, the risk that reductions in the quality ratings of health maintenance organization plan customers of HCP could have an adverse effect on HCP's business, or the risk that health plans that acquire health maintenance organizations may not be willing to contract with HCP or may be willing to contract only on less favorable terms, and the other risk factors set forth in Part II, Item 1A. of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. We base our forward-looking statements on information currently available to us, and we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of changes in underlying factors, new information, future events or otherwise.*

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The following should be read in conjunction with our condensed consolidated financial statements.

**Consolidated results of operations**

We operate two major divisions, Kidney Care and HealthCare Partners (HCP). Our Kidney Care division is comprised of our U.S. dialysis and related lab services business, our ancillary services and strategic initiatives including our international operations, and our corporate support expenses. Our HCP division is comprised of our HCP business.

Our largest major line of business is our U.S. dialysis and related lab services, which is a leading provider of kidney dialysis services in the U.S. for patients suffering from chronic kidney failure, also known as ESRD. Our other major line of business is HCP, which is a patient- and physician-focused integrated health care delivery and management company.

Following is a summary of our consolidated operating results for the first quarter of 2014 compared with the prior sequential quarter and the same quarter of 2013 for reference in the discussion that follows.

	March 31, 2014		Three months ended December 31, 2013		March 31, 2013	
	(dollar amounts rounded to nearest million)					
<b>Net revenues:</b>						
Patient service revenues	\$ 2,114		\$ 2,152		\$ 1,980	
Less: Provision for uncollectible accounts	(83)		(77)		(70)	
Net patient service revenues	2,031		2,075		1,910	
Capitated revenues	788		767		763	
Other revenues	224		221		157	
<b>Total consolidated net revenues</b>	<b>3,043</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,063</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,830</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Operating expenses and charges:</b>						
Patient care costs	2,180	71%	2,128	70%	1,961	69%
General and administrative	284	9%	319	10%	284	10%
Depreciation and amortization	142	5%	139	4%	126	4%
Provision for uncollectible accounts	3		1		1	
Equity investment income	(7)		(8)		(9)	
Loss contingency reserve					300	11%
<b>Total operating expenses and charges</b>	<b>2,602</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>2,579</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>2,663</b>	<b>94%</b>
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>\$ 441</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>\$ 484</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>\$ 167</b>	<b>6%</b>

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The following table summarizes consolidated net revenues for our Kidney Care division and our HCP division:

	March 31, 2014	Three months ended December 31, 2013	March 31, 2013
	(dollar amounts rounded to nearest million)		
<b>Net revenues:</b>			
<b>Kidney Care:</b>			
U.S. dialysis and related lab services patient service revenues	\$ 2,037	\$ 2,076	\$ 1,916
Less: Provision for uncollectible accounts	(82)	(72)	(67)
U.S. dialysis and related lab services net patient service revenues	\$ 1,955	\$ 2,004	\$ 1,849
Other revenues	3	3	3
<b>Total net U.S. dialysis and related lab services revenues</b>	<b>1,958</b>	<b>2,007</b>	<b>1,852</b>
Other Ancillary services and strategic initiatives revenues	214	203	153
Other Capitated revenues	16	16	16
Other Ancillary services and strategic initiatives net patient service revenues (less provision for uncollectible accounts)	27	23	15
<b>Total net other-ancillary services and strategic initiatives revenues</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>184</b>
Elimination of intersegment revenues	(13)	(15)	(10)
<b>Total Kidney Care net revenues</b>	<b>2,202</b>	<b>2,234</b>	<b>2,026</b>
<b>HCP:</b>			
HCP capitated revenues	772	752	746
HCP net patient service revenues (less provision for uncollectible accounts)	56	59	54
Other revenues	13	18	4
<b>Total net HCP revenues</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>804</b>
<b>Total consolidated net revenues</b>	<b>\$ 3,043</b>	<b>\$ 3,063</b>	<b>\$ 2,830</b>

The following table summarizes consolidated operating income and adjusted consolidated operating income:

	March 31, 2014	Three months ended December 31, 2013	March 31, 2013
	(dollar amounts rounded to nearest million)		
<b>Operating income:</b>			
<b>Kidney Care:</b>			
U.S. dialysis and related lab services	\$ 387	\$ 408	\$ 85
Other Ancillary services and strategic initiatives income (losses)	2	(9)	(15)
Corporate support expenses	(2)	(13)	(11)
<b>Total kidney care operating income</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>59</b>
HCP services	54	98	108
<b>Total consolidated operating income</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>167</b>

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Reconciliation of non-GAAP measure:			
Add:			
Loss contingency reserve			300
Adjusted consolidated operating income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 441	\$ 484	\$ 467



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- (1) For the three months ended March 31, 2013, we have excluded a \$300 million accrual related to an estimated loss contingency reserve. This is a non-GAAP measure and is not intended as a substitute for the GAAP equivalent measures. We have presented this adjusted amount because management believes that this presentation enhances a user's understanding of our normal consolidated operating income by excluding an accrual of \$300 million for an estimated loss contingency reserve related to the 2010 and 2011 U.S. Attorney Physician Relationship Investigations (see note 9 to the condensed consolidated financial statements). We therefore consider this adjusted consolidated operating income amount meaningful and comparable to our current and prior period results.

*Consolidated net revenues*

Consolidated net revenues for the first quarter of 2014 decreased by approximately \$20 million, or approximately 0.7%, as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013. The decrease in consolidated net revenues was primarily due to a decrease of approximately \$49 million associated with the U.S. dialysis and related lab services net revenues, principally due to three fewer treatment days in the first quarter of 2014 as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013, partially offset by additional treatments from strong non-acquired growth and an increase of \$1 in the average dialysis revenue per treatment primarily due to an increase in acute services. The decrease in consolidated net revenues was partially offset by an increase of approximately \$15 million associated with our ancillary services and strategic initiatives revenues primarily from additional pharmacy revenues. In addition, HCP's net operating revenues increased by approximately \$12 million, primarily due to additional senior capitated members, partially offset by a reduction in Medicare Advantage reimbursement payments.

Consolidated net revenues for the first quarter of 2014 increased by approximately \$213 million, or approximately 7.5%, as compared to the first quarter of 2013. The increase in consolidated net revenues was primarily due to an increase of \$106 million in the U.S. dialysis and related lab services net revenues, primarily as a result of strong volume growth from non-acquired treatment growth in existing and new centers, and an increase in HCP net revenues of \$37 million, primarily due to an increase in senior capitated members in the first quarter of 2014, partially offset by a reduction in Medicare Advantage payments. In addition, the increase in consolidated net revenues was also due to an increase of approximately \$73 million in our ancillary services and strategic initiatives, primarily from growth in our pharmacy services and in our international operations.

*Consolidated operating income*

Consolidated operating income for the first quarter of 2014 decreased by approximately \$43 million, or approximately 8.9%, as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013. The decrease in the consolidated operating income was primarily due to a decrease in U.S. dialysis and related lab services net revenues due to three fewer treatment days in the first quarter of 2014 as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013, the impact of lower Medicare Advantage payments to HCP, and an increase in HCP's medical claims expense as a result of additional senior and Medicaid members and higher utilization in the first quarter of 2014 as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013. Consolidated operating income was also negatively impacted by an overall increase in pharmaceutical unit costs, an increase in the intensities of physician-prescribed pharmaceuticals and an increase in the provision for uncollectible accounts. The decrease in consolidated operating income was partially offset by lower labor and benefit costs, lower professional fees, the write-off of certain obsolete software costs that occurred in the fourth quarter of 2013, an increase in revenues from HCP's senior capitated members and improved operating results in our ancillary services and strategic initiatives.

Consolidated operating income for the first quarter of 2014 increased by approximately \$274 million, or approximately 164.1%, as compared to the first quarter of 2013, including the accrued estimated loss contingency reserve of \$300 million in the first quarter of 2013. Excluding this item, adjusted consolidated operating income would have decreased by \$26 million. The decrease in adjusted operating income was primarily due to higher pharmaceutical unit costs, an increase in the intensities of physician-prescribed pharmaceuticals, an increase in the

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provision for uncollectible accounts, higher labor costs and related payroll taxes, an increase in benefit costs, and higher long-term incentive compensation, the impact of lower HCP Medicare Advantage revenue and an increase in HCP's medical claims expenses. The decrease in adjusted consolidated operating income was partially offset by strong volume growth in the number of treatments from non-acquired growth and acquisitions, and from improved productivity. In addition, adjusted consolidated operating income was also positively impacted by improved operating performance of certain ancillary services and strategic initiatives, primarily our pharmacy services.

**U.S. dialysis and related lab services business****Results of operations**

	March 31, 2014	Three months ended December 31, 2013	March 31, 2013
	(dollar amounts rounded to nearest million, except per treatment data)		
<b>Net revenues:</b>			
Dialysis and related lab services patient service revenues	\$ 2,037	\$ 2,076	\$ 1,916
Less: Provision for uncollectible accounts	(82)	(72)	(67)
Dialysis and related lab services net patient service revenues	\$ 1,955	\$ 2,004	\$ 1,849
Other revenues	3	3	3
Total net dialysis and related lab services revenues	\$ 1,958	\$ 2,007	\$ 1,852
<b>Operating expenses and charges:</b>			
Patient care costs	1,323	1,325	1,216
General and administrative	155	184	169
Depreciation and amortization	96	93	85
Loss contingency reserve			300
Equity investment income	(3)	(3)	(3)
Total operating expenses and charges	1,571	1,599	1,767
Operating income	\$ 387	\$ 408	\$ 85
Dialysis treatments	5,975,627	6,106,166	5,628,799
Average dialysis treatments per treatment day	78,215	76,711	73,579
Average dialysis and related lab services revenue per treatment	\$ 341	\$ 340	\$ 340
<i>Net revenues</i>			

Dialysis and related lab services net revenues for the first quarter of 2014 decreased by approximately \$49 million, or approximately 2.4%, as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013. The decrease in dialysis and related lab services net revenues was due to a decrease in the number of treatments as a result of three fewer treatment days in the first quarter of 2014 as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013 and an increase in the provision for uncollectible accounts, partially offset by strong non-acquired treatment growth in existing and new centers, and an increase in the average dialysis revenue per treatment of approximately \$1. The increase in the average dialysis revenue per treatment was primarily due to an increase in our acute services and a increase in some of our commercial payment rates, partially offset by a slight decline in our commercial mix.

Dialysis and related lab services net revenues for the first quarter of 2014 increased by approximately \$106 million, or approximately 5.7%, as compared to the first quarter of 2013. The increase in net revenues in the first quarter of 2014 was principally due to strong volume growth from additional treatments. The increase in the number of treatments was primarily attributable to strong non-acquired treatment growth at existing and new centers. The average dialysis revenue per treatment was flat in the first quarter of 2014 as compared to the first quarter of 2013, but was impacted by an increase in our acute services and an increase in some of our average



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commercial payment rates, offset by a decrease in Medicare reimbursements due to the impact of sequestration that went into effect on April 1, 2013, and a slight decrease in our commercial mix. Dialysis and related lab services net revenues were also negatively impacted by an increase in the provision for uncollectible accounts.

*Provision for uncollectible accounts.* The provision for uncollectible accounts receivable for dialysis and related lab services was 4.0% for the first quarter of 2014, 3.5% for the fourth quarter of 2013, and 3.5% for the first quarter of 2013. We continue to experience higher amounts of non-covered Medicare write-offs. We assess our level of the provision for uncollectible accounts based upon our historical cash collection experience and trends, and have and will continue to adjust the provision as necessary as a result of changes in our cash collections.

*Medicare update*

CMS issued the 2014 final rule for the ESRD Prospective Payment System (PPS), which phases in over three to four years the 12% cut mandated by the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (ATRA). Although no reimbursement reduction is expected in 2014 or 2015 under the final ESRD PPS rule, it is anticipated that future reductions will occur no later than 2017. However, the recent Protecting Access to Medicare Act that was passed on March 31, 2014 further modified the reduction to only 1.25% in 2016 and 2017, and 1% in 2018. While this modification eases reimbursement pressure, future legislative actions could have the opposite effect.

The Protecting Access to Medicare Act was passed by Congress on March 31, 2014 which delayed the implementation of oral-only medications that will be included in the bundled ESRD payment rate to dialysis centers until June 1, 2024.

As previously disclosed, sequestration spending cuts took effect on April 1, 2013, which reduced our Medicare payments by 2%. Recently these spending cuts were extended through 2014 and 2015 by a two-year funding bill signed into law on December 31, 2013, which will continue to negatively impact our condensed consolidated financial results.

*Operating expenses and charges*

*Patient care costs.* Dialysis and related lab services patient care costs of approximately \$221 per treatment for the first quarter of 2014 increased by \$4 as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013. The increase in patient care costs per treatment was primarily due to an increase in labor costs and related payroll taxes, higher pharmaceutical unit costs, an increase in intensities of physician-prescribed pharmaceuticals, an increase in medical supply costs and an increase in seasonal occupancy costs, partially offset by lower benefits cost, a decrease in travel expenses and lower incentive-based compensation.

Dialysis and related lab services patient care costs on a per treatment basis for the first quarter of 2014 increased by approximately \$5 as compared to the first quarter of 2013. The increase was primarily attributable to higher labor costs, an increase in benefit costs, higher pharmaceutical unit costs, higher occupancy costs, and an increase in our other direct operating expenses associated with our dialysis centers, an increase in intensities of physician-prescribed pharmaceuticals, partially offset by improved productivity and lower incentive-based compensation.

*General and administrative expenses.* Dialysis and related lab services general and administrative expenses of approximately \$155 million in the first quarter of 2014 decreased by approximately \$29 million as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013. The decrease in general and administrative expenses was primarily due to lower labor and benefit costs, a decrease in our professional fees for compliance matters and information technology initiatives, the write-off of certain obsolete software costs that occurred in the fourth quarter of 2013 and lower travel costs due to fewer management meetings in the first quarter of 2014, partially offset by higher payroll tax expense.

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Dialysis and related lab services general and administrative expenses for the first quarter of 2014 decreased by approximately \$14 million as compared to the first quarter of 2013. The decrease was primarily due to lower labor costs, lower travel expenses, a decrease in professional fees for compliance matters and information technology initiatives, partially offset by higher long-term incentive compensation.

*Depreciation and amortization.* Depreciation and amortization for dialysis and related lab services was approximately \$96 million for the first quarter of 2014, \$93 million for the fourth quarter of 2013 and \$85 million for the first quarter of 2013. The increases in depreciation and amortization in the first quarter of 2014, as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013 and the first quarter of 2013, were primarily due to growth in newly developed centers and from acquired centers.

*Loss contingency reserve and other legal settlement expenses.* We have recently agreed to a framework for a global resolution with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado, the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice and the Office of the Inspector General for both the 2010 and the 2011 U.S. Attorney Physician Relationship Investigations. The final settlement remains subject to negotiation for both the 2010 and 2011 U.S. Attorney Physician Relationship Investigations described above. The settlement will include payment of approximately \$389 million. The final settlement remains subject to negotiation of specific terms. During 2013, in connection with offers to settle these matters, we accrued a total of \$397 million as an estimated loss contingency reserve, \$300 million in the first quarter of 2013 and \$97 million in the third quarter of 2013.

*Equity investment income.* Equity investment income for dialysis and related lab services was approximately \$2.7 million for the first quarter of 2014, as compared to \$2.6 million for the fourth quarter of 2013 and \$3.3 million for the first quarter of 2013. Equity investment income in the first quarter of 2014 was flat as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013, and decreased as compared to the first quarter of 2013, primarily due to a decrease in the profitability of certain joint ventures in the first quarter of 2014.

*Accounts receivable*

Our dialysis and related lab services accounts receivable balances at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 were \$1,168 million and \$1,173 million, respectively, which represented approximately 55 days for both periods, which is net of the provision for uncollectible accounts. Our DSO calculation is based on the current quarter's average revenues per day. There were no significant changes during the first quarter of 2014 from the fourth quarter of 2013 in the amount of unreserved accounts receivable over one year old or the amounts pending approval from third-party payors.

*Segment operating income*

Dialysis and related lab services operating income for the first quarter of 2014 decreased by approximately \$21 million, or approximately 5.1%, as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013. Operating income decreased primarily due to three fewer treatment days in the first quarter of 2014 as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013, higher pharmaceutical unit costs, an increase in the intensities of physician-prescribed pharmaceuticals, an increase in direct medical supply expense, higher occupancy costs and an increase in the provision for uncollectible accounts, partially offset by lower labor and benefit costs, a decrease in professional fees for compliance matters and information technology initiatives and a decrease in the write-off of certain obsolete software costs that occurred in the fourth quarter of 2013.

Dialysis and related lab services operating income for the first quarter of 2014 increased by approximately \$302 million, or approximately 355.3%, as compared to the first quarter of 2013, including the accrued estimated legal contingency reserve of \$300 million in the first quarter of 2013. Excluding this item from the first quarter of 2013, adjusted operating income would have increased by \$2 million, primarily attributable to strong volume growth in revenues from additional treatments as a result of non-acquired treatment growth and growth through acquisitions and improved productivity. Adjusted dialysis and related lab services operating income was

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negatively impacted by higher labor costs and related payroll taxes, an increase in benefit costs, higher pharmaceutical unit costs, an increase in the intensities of physician-prescribed pharmaceuticals, higher provision for uncollectible accounts and higher long-term incentive compensation.

**HCP business****Results of operations**

	Three months ended					
	March 31, 2014		December 31, 2013		March 31, 2013	
	(dollar amounts rounded to nearest millions)					
Net revenues:						
HCP capitated revenue	\$ 772	92%	\$ 752	91%	\$ 746	93%
Patient service revenue	58		63		57	
Less: Provision for uncollectible accounts	(2)		(4)		(3)	
Net patient service revenue	56	7%	59	7%	54	7%
Other revenues	13	1%	18	2%	4	
Total net revenues	\$ 841	100%	\$ 829	100%	\$ 804	100%
Operating expense:						
Patient care costs	\$ 672	80%	\$ 616	74%	\$ 595	74%
General and administrative expense	78	9%	78	10%	69	9%
Depreciation and amortization	42	5%	43	5%	38	5%
Equity investment income	(5)	(1)%	(6)	(1)%	(6)	(1)%
Total expenses	787	93%	731	88%	696	87%
Operating income	\$ 54	7%	\$ 98	12%	\$ 108	13%

**Capitated membership information**

The following table provides (i) the total number of capitated members to whom HCP provided healthcare services as of March 31, 2014, December 31, 2013 and March 31, 2013, and (ii) the aggregate member months for the three months ended March 31, 2014, December 31, 2013 and March 31, 2013. Member months represent the aggregate number of months of healthcare services HCP has provided to capitated members during a period of time:

	Members at			Members months for Three months ended		
	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013	March 31, 2013	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013	March 31, 2013
HCP total capitated membership	795,300	764,500	742,000	2,373,000	2,288,300	2,239,400

In addition to the members above, HCP provided healthcare services to members of Magan Medical Group, an unconsolidated joint venture that is accounted for as an equity investment. The Magan Medical Group joint venture provided health care services for approximately 44,300 members as of March 31, 2014 and for approximately 133,400 member months for the quarter ended March 31, 2014.

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The increase in members and member months was primarily attributable to an increase in senior members resulting from new acquisitions and non-acquired growth, partially offset by a decline in commercial members resulting from the state of California discontinuing the Healthy Families program.

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The following table provides HCP's revenue by source:

	Three months ended					
	March 31, 2014		December 31, 2013		March 31, 2013	
	(dollar amounts rounded to nearest millions)					
<b>HCP revenues:</b>						
Commercial revenues	\$ 187	22%	\$ 183	22%	\$ 182	22%
Senior revenues	565	67%	550	67%	552	69%
Medicaid revenues	20	3%	19	2%	12	2%
<b>Total capitated revenues</b>	<b>\$ 772</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>\$ 752</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>\$ 746</b>	<b>93%</b>
Patient service revenue, net of provision for uncollectible accounts	56	7%	59	7%	54	7%
Other revenues	13	1%	18	2%	4	%
<b>Total net revenues</b>	<b>\$ 841</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 829</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 804</b>	<b>100%</b>

*Net revenues*

HCP's net revenue for the first quarter of 2014 increased by \$12 million, or approximately 1.4%, as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013. The increase in revenue was primarily attributable to an increase in senior capitated members, and an increase in our commercial rates, partially offset by a decrease in Medicare Advantage rates, a decline in the number of commercial members to whom HCP provides health care services and a decrease in non-patient care related revenues.

HCP's net revenue for the first quarter of 2014 increased by \$37 million, or approximately 4.6%, as compared to the first quarter of 2013. The increase in revenue was primarily attributable to an increase in the number of senior capitated members, an increase in commercial rates and an increase in non-patient care related revenues, partially offset by a decrease in Medicare Advantage rates, a reduction in Medicare rates due to sequestration and a decline in the number of commercial members to whom HCP provides health care services.

On April 1, 2013, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced its final 2014 Medicare Advantage benchmark rate structure. While these rates were generally improved from the preliminary rates which were announced in February 2013, the rates still represent a significant decline in what HCP will realize as average revenues for its senior capitated members in 2014 relative to 2013 due to recalibration of patient risk coding. We estimate that the final cumulative impact of the 2014 rate structure will represent a reduction of approximately 8% of HCP's average revenues it manages on behalf of its senior capitated members as compared to 2013. We expect to be able to offset a portion of this rate reduction through contractual pass-throughs to our provider network and other revenue enhancement and cost control initiatives; however, there can be no assurances that we will be able to offset these reductions.

On April 7, 2014 CMS issued final guidance for 2015 Medicare Advantage rates, which incorporated a re-blending of the risk adjustment models which CMS utilizes to determine risk acuity scores of Medicare Advantage patients. We estimate that the final cumulative impact of the 2015 rate structure represents an increase of up to approximately 0.5% of HCP's average revenues it manages on behalf of its senior capitated population as compared to 2014.

*Operating expenses*

HCP's patient care costs of approximately \$672 million for the first quarter of 2014, increased by approximately \$56 million, or approximately 9.1%, as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013. The increase is primarily attributable to the increase in medical claim expenses due to acquisitions and higher utilization.



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HCP's patient care costs of approximately \$672 million for the first quarter of 2014, increased by approximately \$77 million, or approximately 12.9%, as compared to the first quarter of 2013. The increase was primarily attributable to the same factors as described for the increase in the first quarter of 2014 as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013.

HCP's general and administrative costs of approximately \$78 million for the first quarter of 2014, was flat as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013.

HCP's general and administrative costs of approximately \$78 million for the first quarter of 2014, increased by approximately \$9 million, or approximately 13.0%, as compared to the first quarter of 2013. The increase in general and administrative expenses was primarily attributable to the expansion of operations in Arizona in 2013, and increases in corporate support departments to accommodate additional acquisitions.

HCP's depreciation and amortization of approximately \$42 million for the first quarter of 2014 was relatively flat as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013. Depreciation and amortization is primarily based upon the fair value of equipment, leasehold improvements and intangible assets we recognized in the HCP acquisition and subsequent acquisitions.

HCP's depreciation and amortization of approximately \$42 million for the first quarter of 2014 increased by approximately \$4 million, as compared to the first quarter of 2013, primarily attributable to depreciation and amortization of accrued assets associated with acquisitions.

### *Segment operating income*

HCP's operating income for first quarter of 2014 decreased by approximately \$44 million, or approximately 44.9%, as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013. The decrease was primarily attributable to a decrease in Medicare Advantage reimbursement rates, a reduction in the number of commercial members and a reduction in non-patient care related revenues, partially offset by an increase in our senior capitated members, although we received lower capitation rates and also had higher medical claims expenses associated with these members.

HCP's operating income for first quarter of 2014 decreased by approximately \$54 million, or approximately 50.0%, as compared to the first quarter of 2013. The decrease was primarily attributable to the same factors as described above for the first quarter of 2014 as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013.

### *Other Ancillary services and strategic initiatives business*

Our other operations include ancillary services and strategic initiatives which are primarily aligned with our core business of providing dialysis services to our network of patients. As of March 31, 2014 these consisted primarily of pharmacy services, disease management services, vascular access services, ESRD clinical research programs, physician services, direct primary care and our international dialysis operations. The ancillary services and strategic initiatives generated approximately \$257 million of net revenues in the first quarter of 2014, representing approximately 8.4% of our consolidated net revenues. We currently expect to continue to invest in our ancillary services and strategic initiatives, including our continued expansion into certain international markets as we work to develop successful new business operations in the U.S. as well as outside the U.S. However, any significant change in market conditions, business performance or the regulatory environment may impact the economic viability of any of these strategic initiatives. Any unfavorable changes in these strategic initiatives could result in a write-off or an impairment of some or all of our investments, including goodwill and could also result in significant termination costs if we were to exit a particular line of business.

As of March 31, 2014, we provided dialysis and administrative services to a total of 75 outpatient dialysis centers located in ten countries outside of the U.S. The total net revenues generated from our international operations are provided below.

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The following table reflects the results of operations for the ancillary services and strategic initiatives:

	Three months ended		
	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013	March 31, 2013
(dollar amounts rounded to nearest millions)			
<b>U.S. revenues</b>			
Net patient service revenues	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 4
Other revenues	212	202	152
Capitated revenues	16	16	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>172</b>
<b>International revenues</b>			
Net patient service revenues	23	19	11
Other revenues	2	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Total net revenues</b>	<b>\$ 257</b>	<b>\$ 242</b>	<b>\$ 184</b>
<b>Total operating income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>	<b>\$ (9)</b>	<b>\$ (15)</b>

*Net revenues*

The ancillary services and strategic initiatives net revenues for the first quarter of 2014 increased by approximately \$15 million or 6.2% as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013. The increase was primarily from growth in prescriptions dispensed as part of our pharmacy services and growth in our international operations.

The ancillary services and strategic initiatives net revenues for the first quarter of 2014 increased by approximately \$73 million, or 39.7%, as compared to the first quarter of 2013. The increase was primarily from growth in prescriptions dispensed as part of our pharmacy services and an increase in our international operations.

*Operating expenses*

Ancillary services and strategic initiatives operating expenses for the first quarter of 2014 increased by approximately \$4 million as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013. The increase in operating expenses was primarily due to an increase in volume in our pharmacy business and an increase in expenses associated with our international dialysis expansion.

Ancillary services and strategic initiatives operating expenses for the first quarter of 2014 increased by approximately \$56 million as compared to the first quarter of 2013. The increase in operating expenses was primarily due to an increase in volume in our pharmacy business, an increase in expenses associated with our international dialysis expansion into Europe, South America and Malaysia, an increase in labor costs and related payroll taxes and an increase in benefit costs.

*Ancillary services and strategic initiatives operating income (loss)*

Ancillary services and strategic initiatives operating income for the first quarter of 2014 increased by approximately \$11 million from the fourth quarter of 2013. The increase in operating income was primarily due to improved operating performance in our pharmacy business and in our certain other strategic initiatives, and improved performance in our international dialysis operations.

Ancillary services and strategic initiatives operating income for the first quarter of 2014 increased by approximately \$17 million from the first quarter of 2013. The increase in operating income was primarily due to



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improved operating performance of our pharmacy business related to increased prescriptions dispensed, improved operating performance in our ESRD clinical research business and improved performance in our international operations in Europe, partially offset by an increase in labor costs and related payroll taxes, and an increase in benefit costs.

### **Corporate-level charges**

*Debt expense.* Debt expense of \$106.3 million was relatively flat in the first quarter of 2014 as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013. Debt expense in the first quarter of 2014 was also relatively flat as compared to the first quarter of 2013.

Our overall weighted average effective interest rate for the first quarter of 2014 was 4.89% compared to 4.87% for the fourth quarter of 2013 and 4.77% for the first quarter of 2013.

*Corporate support costs.* Corporate support costs consist primarily of labor, benefits and long-term incentive compensation costs for departments which provide support to all of our different operating lines of business. Corporate support costs were approximately \$1.1 million in the first quarter of 2014, \$12.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2013 and \$11.4 million in first quarter of 2013. These expenses are included in our consolidated general and administrative expenses. The decrease in corporate support costs in the first quarter of 2014 as compared to both the fourth quarter of 2013 and the first quarter of 2013 was primarily from internal management fees paid by our ancillary lines of businesses related to the licensing and the right to use newly developed intellectual property and other corporate level services.

*Other income.* Other income for the first quarter of 2014 was \$1.7 million as compared to \$3.5 million for the fourth quarter of 2013 and \$0.6 million for the first quarter of 2013. The decrease in other income was primarily related to the sale of certain investments at a gain during the fourth quarter of 2013.

### *Noncontrolling interests*

Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests was \$28.4 million for the first quarter of 2014 as compared to \$32.0 million for the fourth quarter of 2013. Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests in the first quarter of 2014 decreased by approximately \$1.2 million as compared to the first quarter of 2013. The decrease in net income attributable to noncontrolling interests in the first quarter of 2014, as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013, was primarily due to the overall number of joint ventures and a decrease in the overall profitability of certain of our dialysis joint ventures, mainly from a decrease in revenue from fewer treatments which includes three fewer additional treatment days in the first quarter of 2014.

### *Accounts receivable*

Our consolidated total accounts receivable balances at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 were \$1,540 million and \$1,485 million, respectively, which represented approximately 47 and 46 days of revenue, respectively, which is net of the provision for uncollectible accounts.

### *Outlook*

We are updating our consolidated operating income guidance for 2014 to now be in the range of \$1.725 billion to \$1.840 billion. Our previous consolidated operating income guidance for 2014 was in the range of \$1.725 billion to \$1.860 billion.

We are also updating our operating income guidance for our dialysis services and related ancillary businesses including our corporate level expenses, which we refer to as Kidney Care, for 2014 to now be in the range of \$1.520 billion to \$1.580 billion. Our previous operating income guidance for Kidney Care for 2014 was in the range of \$1.475 billion to \$1.550 billion.

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We are lowering our operating income for HCP for 2014 to now be in the range of \$205 million to \$260 million. Our previous operating income guidance for HCP for 2014 was in the range of \$250 million to \$310 million.

We still expect our consolidated operating cash flow for 2014 to be in the range of \$1.450 billion to \$1.550 billion.

The consolidated cash flow amounts for 2014 exclude any potential payment relating to the 2010 and 2011 U.S. Attorney Physician Relationship Investigations.

These projections and the underlying assumptions involve significant risks and uncertainties, and actual results may differ materially from these current projections. These risks and uncertainties, among others, include those relating to the concentration of profits generated by higher-paying commercial payor plans for which there is continued downward pressure on average realized payment rates, and a reduction in the number of patients under such plans, which may result in the loss of revenues or patients, a reduction in government payment rates under the Medicare ESRD program or other government-based programs, the impact of health care reform legislation that was enacted in the U.S. in March 2010, the impact of the CMS 2014 Medicare Advantage benchmark structure, the impact of the American Taxpayer Relief Act, the impact of the sequestration that went into effect on April 1, 2013, the impact of disruptions in federal government operations and funding, changes in pharmaceutical or anemia management practice patterns, payment policies, or pharmaceutical pricing, legal compliance risks, including our continued compliance with complex government regulations and current or potential investigations by various government entities and related government or private-party proceedings, including risks relating to the final resolution of the 2010 and 2011 U.S. Attorney Physician Relationship Investigations, such as restrictions on our business and operations required by a corporate integrity agreement and other settlement terms, and the financial impact thereof, continued increased competition from large and medium-sized dialysis providers that compete directly with us, our ability to maintain contracts with physician medical directors, changing affiliation models for physicians, and the emergence of new models of care introduced by the government or private sector that may erode our patient base and reimbursement rates such as ACOs, IPAs and integrated delivery systems, or to businesses outside of dialysis and HCP's business, our ability to complete any acquisitions, mergers or dispositions that we might be considering or announce, or to integrate and successfully operate any business we may acquire or have acquired, including HCP, or to expand our operations and services to markets outside the U.S., variability of our cash flows, the risk that we might invest material amounts of capital and incur significant costs in connection with the growth and development of our international operations, yet we might not be able to operate them profitably anytime soon, if at all, risks arising from the use of accounting estimates, judgments and interpretations in our financial statements, loss of key HCP employees, potential disruption from the HCP transaction making it more difficult to maintain business and operational relationships with customers, partners, associated physicians and physician groups, hospitals and others, the risk that laws regulating the corporate practice of medicine could restrict the manner in which HCP conducts its business, the risk that the cost of providing services under HCP's agreements may exceed our compensation, the risk that reductions in reimbursement rates, including Medicare Advantage rates, and future regulations may negatively impact HCP's business, revenue and profitability, the risk that HCP may not be able to successfully establish a presence in new geographic regions or successfully address competitive threats that could reduce its profitability, the risk that a disruption in HCP's healthcare provider networks could have an adverse effect on HCP's operations and profitability, the risk that reductions in the quality ratings of health maintenance organization plan customers of HCP could have an adverse effect on HCP's business, or the risk that health plans that acquire health maintenance organizations may not be willing to contract with HCP or may be willing to contract only on less favorable terms. See **Risk Factors** in Part II, Item 1A. of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and the cautionary language contained in the forward-looking statements and associated risks as discussed under **Forward-looking statements** on page 31 for more information about these and other potential risk factors. We undertake no obligation to update or revise these projections, whether as a result of changes in underlying factors, new information, future events or otherwise.

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*Liquidity and capital resources*

*Liquidity and capital resources.* Cash flow from operations during the first quarter of 2014 was \$419 million, compared to \$379 million during the first quarter of 2013. Cash flow from operations in the first quarter of 2014 increased as a result of improved cash collections and the timing of certain other working capital items. Non-operating cash outflows for the first quarter of 2014 included capital asset expenditures of \$127 million, including \$77 million for new center developments and relocations and \$50 million for maintenance and information technology. In addition, we spent \$68 million for acquisitions and we paid distributions to noncontrolling interests of \$33 million in that period. Non-operating cash outflows for the first quarter of 2013 included capital asset expenditures of \$117 million, including \$72 million for new center developments and relocations and \$45 million for maintenance and information technology. In addition, we spent \$91 million for acquisitions. We paid distributions to noncontrolling interests of \$35 million.

During the first quarter of 2014, our U.S. dialysis and related lab services business acquired a total of one dialysis center, opened 24 dialysis centers, merged two dialysis centers into other existing dialysis centers and provided management and administrative services to one additional dialysis center. In addition, our international dialysis operations acquired one dialysis center, opened one dialysis center, closed one dialysis center and provided management and administrative services to one additional center. During the first quarter of 2013, we acquired a total of eight dialysis centers, opened 27 dialysis centers, merged one center into other existing centers and provided management and administrative services to three additional centers located in the U.S. In addition, we also opened a total of one center and provided management and administrative services to four additional centers outside of the U.S. in which we consolidate under the applicable accounting standards.

During the first quarter of 2014, our HCP business acquired a management services organization, four private medical practices, one family practice and one primary care physician practice.

During the first three months of 2014, we made mandatory principal payments under our Senior Secured Credit Facilities totaling \$37.5 million on the Term Loan A, \$16.9 million on the Term Loan A-3, \$4.4 million on the Term Loan B and \$4.1 million on the Term Loan B-2.

As of March 31, 2014, we maintained several interest rate swap agreements that were entered into in March 2013 with amortizing notional amounts of these swap agreements totaling \$1,266 million. These agreements have the economic effect of modifying the LIBOR variable component of our interest rate on an equivalent amount of our Term Loan A-3 to fixed rates ranging from 0.49% to 0.52%, resulting in an overall weighted average effective interest rate of 3.01%, including the Term Loan A-3 margin of 2.50%. The swap agreements expire on September 30, 2016 and require monthly interest payments. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we recognized debt expense of \$1.1 million from these swaps. As of March 31, 2014, the total fair value of these swap agreements was a net asset of approximately \$3.7 million. We estimate that approximately \$3.9 million of existing unrealized pre-tax losses in other comprehensive income at March 31, 2014 will be reclassified into income over the next twelve months.

In addition, as of March 31, 2014, we also maintained several forward interest rate swap agreements that were entered into in March 2013 with notional amounts totaling \$600 million that will amortize after the swap agreements have become effective. These forward swap agreements will be effective September 30, 2014 and will have the economic effect of modifying the LIBOR variable component of our interest rate on an equivalent amount of our outstanding debt to fixed rates ranging from 0.72% to 0.75%. These swap agreements expire on September 30, 2016 and will require monthly interest payments beginning in October 2014. Any unrealized gains or losses resulting from changes in the fair value of these swaps is recorded in other comprehensive income. As of March 31, 2014, the total fair value of these swap agreements was a net asset of approximately \$0.9 million. We estimate that approximately \$1.6 million of existing unrealized pre-tax losses in other comprehensive income at March 31, 2014 will be reclassified into income over the next twelve months.

As of March 31, 2014, we maintained several interest rate cap agreements that were entered into in March 2013 with notional amounts totaling \$1,250 million on our Term Loan B debt and \$1,485 million on our Term

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Loan B-2 debt. These agreements have the economic effect of capping the LIBOR variable component of our interest rate at a maximum of 2.50% on an equivalent amount of our Term Loan B and Term Loan B-2 debt. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we recognized debt expense of \$0.6 million from these caps. The cap agreements expire on September 30, 2016. As of March 31, 2014, the total fair value of these cap agreements was an asset of approximately \$6.2 million. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we recorded a loss of \$1.3 million in other comprehensive income due to a decrease in the unrealized fair value of these cap agreements.

As of March 31, 2014, we also maintained a total of nine other interest rate swap agreements with amortizing notional amounts totaling \$763 million. These agreements had the economic effect of modifying the LIBOR variable component of our interest rate on an equivalent amount of our Term Loan A to fixed rates ranging from 1.59% to 1.64%, resulting in an overall weighted average effective interest rate of 4.36%, including the Term Loan A margin of 2.75%. The swap agreements expire on September 30, 2014 and require monthly interest payments. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we recognized debt expense of \$2.9 million from these swaps. As of March 31, 2014, the total fair value of these swap agreements was a liability of approximately \$5.4 million. We estimate that approximately \$5.4 million of existing unrealized pre-tax losses in other comprehensive income at March 31, 2014 will be reclassified into income over the next twelve months.

As of March 31, 2014, we also maintained five other interest rate cap agreements with notional amounts totaling \$1,250 million. These agreements have the economic effect of capping the LIBOR variable component of our interest rate at a maximum of 4.00% on an equivalent amount of our Term Loan B debt. However, as a result of the new interest rate cap agreements that were entered into in March 2013, as described above, these interest rate cap agreements became ineffective cash flow hedges and as a result any changes in the fair value associated with these interest rate cap agreements will be charged to income. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we recognized debt expense of \$0.9 million from these caps. The cap agreements expire on September 30, 2014.

As a result of the embedded LIBOR floors in some of our debt agreements and the swap and cap agreements, our overall weighted average effective interest rate on the Senior Secured Credit Facilities was 4.19%, based upon the current margins in effect of 2.75% for the Term Loan A, 2.50% for the Term Loan A-3 and 3.00% for both the Term Loan B and the Term Loan B-2, as of March 31, 2014.

As of March 31, 2014, interest rates on our Term Loan B and Term Loan B-2 debt are effectively fixed because of an embedded LIBOR floor which is higher than actual LIBOR as of such date. Furthermore, interest rates on \$1,250 million of our Term Loan B and \$1,485 million of our Term Loan B-2 are subject to interest rate caps if LIBOR should rise above 2.50%. Interest rates on our senior notes are fixed by their terms. The LIBOR variable component of our interest rates on our Term Loan A and our Term Loan A-3 are economically fixed as a result of interest rate swaps.

Our overall weighted average effective interest rate during the first quarter of 2014 was 4.89% and as of March 31, 2014 was 4.87%.

As of March 31, 2014, we had undrawn revolving credit facilities totaling \$350 million of which approximately \$83 million was committed for outstanding letters of credit. In addition, HCP has an outstanding letter of credit of approximately \$1 million that is secured by a certificate of deposit.

We believe that we will have sufficient liquidity and will generate significant operating cash flows to fund our scheduled debt service and other obligations for the foreseeable future, including the next 12 months, under the terms of our debt agreements. Our primary sources of liquidity are cash from operations and cash from borrowings.

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### *Stock-based compensation awards*

Stock-based compensation awards are measured at their estimated fair values on the date of grant if settled in shares, or at their estimated fair values at the end of each reporting period if settled in cash. The value of stock-based awards so measured is recognized as compensation expense on a cumulative straight-line basis over the vesting terms of the awards, adjusted for expected forfeitures. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we granted 28,500 stock-settled stock appreciation rights with an aggregate grant-date fair value of \$0.5 million and a weighted-average expected life of approximately 4.3 years and 2,428 stock units with an aggregate grant-date fair value of \$0.2 million and a weighted-average expected life of approximately 0.2 years.

### *Long-term incentive compensation*

Long-term incentive program (LTIP) compensation includes both stock-based awards (principally stock-settled stock appreciation rights and restricted stock units) as well as long-term performance-based cash awards. Long-term incentive compensation expense, which was primarily general and administrative in nature, was attributed among our dialysis and related lab services business, our HCP business, corporate support costs, and the ancillary services and strategic initiatives.

Long-term incentive compensation costs of \$23.1 million in the first quarter of 2014 decreased by approximately \$3.5 million as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013 and increased by approximately \$4.4 million as compared to the first quarter of 2013. The decrease in long-term incentive compensation in the first quarter of 2014 as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013 was primarily due to a large cash LTIP estimated payout adjustment recognized in the fourth quarter of 2013 that contributed additional expense during that period, partially offset by LTIP award forfeitures realized at a different rate than previously expected. The increase in long-term incentive compensation in the first quarter of 2014 as compared to the first quarter of 2013 was primarily due to a full quarter of expense related to our annual broad-based grant that occurred late in the first quarter of 2013 and an increase in the fair value of LTIP awards that contributed expense to this period.

As of March 31, 2014, there was \$117.3 million in total estimated but unrecognized long-term incentive compensation for LTIP awards outstanding, including \$79.3 million for unvested stock-based compensation arrangements under our equity compensation and stock purchase plans. We expect to recognize the performance-based cash component of these LTIP costs over a weighted average remaining period of 1.0 years and the stock-based component of these LTIP costs over a weighted average remaining period of 1.2 years.

### *Off-balance sheet arrangements and aggregate contractual obligations*

In addition to the debt obligations reflected on our balance sheet, we have commitments associated with operating leases and letters of credit, as well as potential obligations associated with our equity investments in nonconsolidated businesses and to dialysis centers that are wholly-owned by third parties. Substantially all of our U.S. dialysis facilities are leased. We have potential acquisition obligations for several majority-owned joint ventures, non-owned and minority owned entities. These obligations are in the form of put provisions and are exercisable at the third-party owners' discretion within specified periods as outlined in each specific put provision. If these put provisions were exercised, we would be required to purchase the third-party owners' noncontrolling interests at either the appraised fair market value or a predetermined multiple of earnings or cash flow attributable to the noncontrolling interests put to us, which is intended to approximate fair value. The methodology we use to estimate the fair values of noncontrolling interests subject to put provisions assumes either the higher of a liquidation value of net assets or an average multiple of earnings, based on historical earnings, patient mix and other performance indicators that can affect future results, as well as other factors. The estimated fair values of the noncontrolling interests subject to put provisions is a critical accounting estimate that involves significant judgments and assumptions and may not be indicative of the actual values at which the noncontrolling interests may ultimately be settled, which could vary significantly from our current estimates. The estimated fair values of noncontrolling interests subject to put provisions can fluctuate and the implicit multiple of earnings at which these noncontrolling interests obligations may be settled will vary significantly depending



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upon market conditions including potential purchasers' access to the capital markets, which can impact the level of competition for dialysis and non-dialysis related businesses, the economic performance of these businesses and the restricted marketability of the third-party owners' noncontrolling interests. The amount of noncontrolling interests subject to put provisions that contractually employ a predetermined multiple of earnings rather than fair value are immaterial. For additional information see Note 10 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

We also have certain other potential commitments to provide operating capital to several dialysis centers that are wholly-owned by third parties or centers in which we own a minority equity investment as well as to physician-owned vascular access clinics that we operate under management and administrative services agreements.

The following is a summary of these contractual obligations and commitments as of March 31, 2014 (in millions):

	Remainder of 2014	1-3 years	4-5 years	After 5 years	Total
<b>Scheduled payments under contractual obligations:</b>					
Long-term debt	\$ 203	\$ 3,631	\$ 2,353	\$ 2,030	\$ 8,217
Interest payments on the senior notes	137	518	271	267	1,193
Interest payments on the Term Loan B <sup>(1)</sup>	58	137			195
Interest payments on the Term Loan B-2 <sup>(2)</sup>	50	194	115		359
Interest payments on the Term Loan A <sup>(3)</sup>	16	18			34
Interest payments on the Term Loan A-3 <sup>(3)</sup>	26	106			132
Capital lease obligations	6	24	20	113	163
Operating leases	281	973	471	674	2,399
	\$ 777	\$ 5,601	\$ 3,230	\$ 3,084	\$ 12,692
<b>Potential cash requirements under existing commitments:</b>					
Letters of credit	\$ 84	\$	\$	\$	\$ 84
Noncontrolling interests subject to put provisions	394	114	71	114	693
Non-owned and minority owned put provisions	30				30
Pay-fixed swaps potential obligations	11				11
Operating capital advances	2				2
	\$ 521	\$ 114	\$ 71	\$ 114	\$ 820

<sup>(1)</sup> Assuming no changes to LIBOR-based interest rates as the Term Loan B currently bears interest at LIBOR (floor of 1.50%) plus an interest rate margin of 3.00%.

<sup>(2)</sup> Assuming no changes to LIBOR-based interest rates as the Term Loan B-2 currently bears interest at LIBOR (floor of 1.00%) plus an interest rate margin of 3.00%.

<sup>(3)</sup> Based upon current LIBOR-based interest rates in effect at March 31, 2014 plus an interest rate margin of 2.75% for the Term Loan A and 2.50% for the Term Loan A-3.

The pay-fixed swap obligations represent the estimated fair market values of our interest rate swap agreements that are based upon valuation models utilizing the income approach and commonly accepted valuation techniques that use inputs from closing prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets as well as other relevant observable market inputs and other current market conditions that existed as of March 31, 2014. This amount represents the estimated potential obligation that we would be required to pay based upon the estimated future settlement of each specific tranche over the term of the swap agreements, assuming no future changes in the forward yield curve. The actual amount of our obligation associated with these swaps in the future will depend upon changes in the LIBOR-based interest rates that can fluctuate significantly depending upon market conditions, and other relevant factors that can affect the fair market value of these swap agreements.

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In addition to the above commitments, we are obligated to purchase a certain amount of our hemodialysis products and supplies at fixed prices through 2015 from Gambro Renal Products, Inc. (Gambro) in connection with a product supply agreement with Gambro. Our total expenditures for the three months ended March 31, 2014 on such products were approximately 2% of our total U.S. dialysis operating costs. In January 2010, we entered into an agreement with Fresenius which originally committed us to purchase a certain amount of dialysis equipment, parts and supplies from them through 2013. However, this agreement has been extended through 2015. Our total expenditures for the three months ended March 31, 2014 on such dialysis products were approximately 2% of our total U.S. dialysis operating costs. The actual amount of purchases in future years from Gambro Renal Products and Fresenius will depend upon a number of factors, including the operating requirements of our centers, the number of centers we acquire, growth of our existing centers, and in the case of the Product Supply Agreement, Gambro Renal Products' ability to meet our needs.

In November 2011, we entered into a seven year sourcing and supply agreement with Amgen USA Inc. that expires on December 31, 2018. Under the terms of the agreement, we will purchase EPO in amounts necessary to meet no less than 90% of our requirements for erythropoiesis stimulating agents (ESAs). The actual amount of EPO that we will purchase from Amgen will depend upon the amount of EPO administered during dialysis as prescribed by physicians and the overall number of patients that we serve.

Settlements of approximately \$74 million of existing income tax liabilities for unrecognized tax benefits including interest, penalties and other long-term tax liabilities are excluded from the above table as reasonably reliable estimates of their timing cannot be made.

**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk****Interest rate sensitivity**

The tables below provide information about our financial instruments that are sensitive to changes in interest rates. The table below presents principal repayments and current weighted average interest rates on our debt obligations as of March 31, 2014. The variable rates presented reflect the weighted average LIBOR rates in effect for all debt tranches plus interest rate margins in effect as of March 31, 2014. The Term Loan A and Term Loan A-3 margins in effect are 2.75% and 2.50% at March 31, 2014, respectively, and along with the revolving line of credit are subject to adjustment depending upon changes in certain of our financial ratios including a leverage ratio. The Term Loan B currently bears interest at LIBOR (floor of 1.50%) plus an interest rate margin of 3.00% subject to a ratings based step-down to 2.75%. The Term Loan B-2 bears interest at LIBOR (floor of 1.00%) plus an interest rate margin of 3.00%.

	Expected maturity date							Total	Average interest rate	Fair value
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Thereafter			
	(dollars in millions)									
Long term debt:										
Fixed rate	\$ 45	\$ 59	\$ 1,694	\$ 32	\$ 806	\$ 1,564	\$ 2,142	\$ 6,342	5.29%	\$ 6,538
Variable rate	\$ 164	\$ 787	\$ 204	\$ 879	\$ 2	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 2,038	2.75%	\$ 2,034

	Notional amount	Contract maturity date				Pay fixed	Receive variable	Fair value
		2014	2015	2016	2017			
		(dollars in millions)						
Swaps:								
Pay-fixed rate	\$ 2,628	\$ 813	\$ 135	\$ 1,680	\$	0.49% to 1.64%	LIBOR	\$ (0.8)
Cap agreements	\$ 2,735	\$	\$	\$ 2,735	\$		LIBOR above 2.50%	\$ 6.2

Our Senior Secured Credit Facilities, which include the Term Loan A, the Term Loan A-3, the Term Loan B and the Term Loan B-2, consist of various individual tranches of debt that can range in maturity from one month to twelve months (currently, all tranches are one month in duration). For the Term Loan A and the Term Loan A-3,

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each tranche bears interest at a LIBOR rate that is determined by the duration of such tranche plus an interest rate margin. The LIBOR variable component of the interest rate for each tranche is reset as such tranche matures and a new tranche is established. LIBOR can fluctuate significantly depending upon conditions in the credit and capital markets. However, the LIBOR variable component of the interest rate for the Term Loan A and the Term Loan A-3 are economically fixed as a result of our swap agreements, as described below.

The Term Loan B and Term Loan B-2 are subject to LIBOR floors of 1.50% and 1.00%, respectively. Because actual LIBOR, as of March 31, 2014, was lower than either of these embedded LIBOR floors, the interest rates on the Term Loan B and the Term Loan B-2 are treated as effectively fixed for purposes of the table above. We have included both of these Term Loans in the fixed rate totals in the table above until such time as the actual LIBOR-based variable component of our interest rate exceeds 1.50% on the Term Loan B and 1.00% on the Term Loan B-2. At such time, we will then be subject to LIBOR-based interest rate volatility on the LIBOR variable component of our interest rate for the Term Loan B and the Term Loan B-2, but limited to a maximum LIBOR rate of 2.50% on \$1,250 million of outstanding principal debt on the Term Loan B and \$1,485 million of outstanding principal debt on the Term Loan B-2 as a result of the interest rate cap agreements, as described below. The remaining \$443 million outstanding principal balance of the Term Loan B is subject to LIBOR-based interest rate volatility above a floor of 1.50%. The remaining \$144 million outstanding principal balance of the Term Loan B-2 is subject to LIBOR-based interest rate volatility above a floor of 1.00%.

As of March 31, 2014, we maintained several interest rate swap agreements that were entered into in March 2013 with amortizing notional amounts of these swap agreements totaling \$1,266 million. These agreements have the economic effect of modifying the LIBOR variable component of our interest rate on an equivalent amount of our Term Loan A-3 to fixed rates ranging from 0.49% to 0.52%, resulting in an overall weighted average effective interest rate of 3.01%, including the Term Loan A-3 margin of 2.50%. The swap agreements expire on September 30, 2016 and require monthly interest payments. During the three months ended March 31, 2014 we recognized debt expense of \$1.1 million from these swaps. As of March 31, 2014, the total fair value of these swap agreements was a net asset of approximately \$3.7 million. We estimate that approximately \$3.9 million of existing unrealized pre-tax losses in other comprehensive income at March 31, 2014 will be reclassified into income over the next twelve months.

In addition, as of March 31, 2014, we also maintained several forward interest rate swap agreements that were entered into in March 2013 with notional amounts totaling \$600 million that will amortize after the swap agreements have become effective. These forward swap agreements will be effective September 30, 2014 and will have the economic effect of modifying the LIBOR variable component of our interest rate on an equivalent amount of our outstanding debt to fixed rates ranging from 0.72% to 0.75%. These swap agreements expire on September 30, 2016 and will require monthly interest payments beginning in October 2014. Any unrealized gains or losses resulting from changes in the fair value of these swaps is recorded in other comprehensive income. As of March 31, 2014, the total fair value of these swap agreements was a net asset of approximately \$0.9 million. We estimate that approximately \$1.6 million of existing unrealized pre-tax losses in other comprehensive income at March 31, 2014 will be reclassified into income over the next twelve months.

As of March 31, 2014, we maintained several interest rate cap agreements that were entered into in March 2013 with notional amounts totaling \$1,250 million on our Term Loan B debt and \$1,485 million on our Term Loan B-2 debt. These agreements have the economic effect of capping the LIBOR variable component of our interest rate at a maximum of 2.50% on an equivalent amount of our Term Loan B and Term Loan B-2 debt. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we recognized debt expense of \$0.6 million from these caps. The cap agreements expire on September 30, 2016. As of March 31, 2014, the total fair value of these cap agreements was an asset of approximately \$6.2 million. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we recorded a loss of \$1.3 million in other comprehensive income due to a decrease in the unrealized fair value of these cap agreements.

As of March 31, 2014, we also maintained a total of nine other interest rate swap agreements with amortizing notional amounts totaling \$763 million. These agreements had the economic effect of modifying the

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LIBOR variable component of our interest rate on an equivalent amount of our Term Loan A to fixed rates ranging from 1.59% to 1.64%, resulting in an overall weighted average effective interest rate of 4.36%, including the Term Loan A margin of 2.75%. The swap agreements expire on September 30, 2014 and require monthly interest payments. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we recognized debt expense of \$2.9 million from these swaps. As of March 31, 2014, the total fair value of these swap agreements was a liability of approximately \$5.4 million. We estimate that approximately \$5.4 million of existing unrealized pre-tax losses in other comprehensive income at March 31, 2014 will be reclassified into income over the next twelve months.

As of March 31, 2014, we also maintained five other interest rate cap agreements with notional amounts totaling \$1,250 million. These agreements have the economic effect of capping the LIBOR variable component of our interest rate at a maximum of 4.00% on an equivalent amount of our Term Loan B debt. However, as a result of the new interest rate cap agreements that were entered into in March 2013, as described above, these interest rate cap agreements became ineffective cash flow hedges and as a result any changes in the fair value associated with these interest rate cap agreements will be charged to income. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we recognized debt expense of \$0.9 million from these caps. The cap agreements expire on September 30, 2014.

As a result of the embedded LIBOR floors in some of our debt agreements and the swap and cap agreements, our overall weighted average effective interest rate on the Senior Secured Credit Facilities was 4.19%, based upon the current margins in effect of 2.75% for the Term Loan A, 2.50% for the Term Loan A-3 and 3.00% for both the Term Loan B and the Term Loan B-2, as of March 31, 2014.

As of March 31, 2014, interest rates on our Term Loan B and Term Loan B-2 debt are effectively fixed because of an embedded LIBOR floor which is higher than actual LIBOR as of such date. Furthermore, interest rates on \$1,250 million of our Term Loan B and \$1,485 million of our Term Loan B-2 are subject to interest rate caps if LIBOR should rise above 2.50%. Interest rates on our senior notes are fixed by their terms. The LIBOR variable component of our interest rates on our Term Loan A and our Term Loan A-3 are economically fixed as a result of interest rate swaps.

Our overall weighted average effective interest rate for the three months ended March 31, 2014 was 4.89% and as of March 31, 2014 was 4.87%.

**Item 4. *Controls and Procedures***

Management has established and maintains disclosure controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that it files or submits pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or Exchange Act, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow for timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

At the end of the period covered by this report, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures in accordance with the Exchange Act requirements. Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective for timely identification and review of material information required to be included in the Company's Exchange Act reports, including this report on Form 10-Q. Management recognizes that these controls and procedures can provide only reasonable assurance of desired outcomes, and that estimates and judgments are still inherent in the process of maintaining effective controls and procedures.

There has not been any change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the fiscal quarter covered by this report on Form 10-Q that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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**PART II**

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

The information in Note 9 of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item 1 of this report is incorporated by this reference in response to this item.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

*A restated description of the risk factors associated with our business is set forth below. This description includes any material changes to and supersedes the description of the risk factors associated with our business previously disclosed in Part I, Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013. The risks discussed below are not the only ones facing our business. Please read the cautionary notice regarding forward-looking statements under the heading Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations .*

**Risk factors related to our U.S. dialysis and related lab services, ancillary services and strategic initiatives:**

**If the average rates that commercial payors pay us decline significantly, it would have a material adverse effect on our revenues, earnings and cash flows.**

Approximately 33% of our dialysis and related lab services revenues for the quarter ended March 31, 2014, were generated from patients who have commercial payors as their primary payor. The majority of these patients have insurance policies that pay us on terms and at rates that are generally significantly higher than Medicare rates. The payments we receive from commercial payors generate nearly all of our profit and all of our nonacute dialysis profits come from commercial payors. We continue to experience downward pressure on some of our commercial payment rates as a result of general conditions in the market, recent and future consolidations among commercial payors, increased focus on dialysis services and other factors. There is no guarantee that commercial payment rates will not be materially lower in the future.

We are continuously in the process of negotiating our existing or potentially new agreements with commercial payors who tend to be aggressive in their negotiations with us. Sometimes many significant agreements are up for renewal or being renegotiated at the same time. In the event that our continual negotiations result in overall commercial rate reductions in excess of overall commercial rate increases, the cumulative effect could have a material adverse effect on our financial results. Consolidations have significantly increased the negotiating leverage of commercial payors. Our negotiations with payors are also influenced by competitive pressures, and we may experience decreased contracted rates with commercial payors or experience decreases in patient volume as our negotiations with commercial payors continue. In addition to downward pressure on contracted commercial payor rates, payors have been attempting to impose restrictions and limitations on non-contracted or out-of-network providers, and in some circumstances designate our centers as out-of-network providers. Rates for out-of-network providers are on average higher than rates for in-network providers. We believe commercial payors have or will begin to restructure their benefits to create disincentives for patients to select or remain with out-of-network providers and to decrease payment rates for out-of-network providers. Decreases in out-of-network rates and restrictions on out-of-network access, our turning away new patients in instances where we are unable to come to agreement on rates, or decreases in contracted rates could result in a significant decrease in our overall revenues derived from commercial payors. If the average rates that commercial payors pay us decline significantly, or if we see a decline in commercial patients, it would have a material adverse effect on our revenues, earnings and cash flows. For additional details regarding specific risks we face regarding regulatory changes that could result in fewer patients covered under commercial plans or an increase of patients covered under more restrictive commercial plans with lower reimbursement rates, see the discussion of individual and small group health plans in the risk factor below under the heading Health care reform could substantially reduce our revenues, earnings and cash flows.

**Table of Contents****If the number of patients with higher-paying commercial insurance declines, then our revenues, earnings and cash flows would be substantially reduced.**

Our revenue levels are sensitive to the percentage of our patients with higher-paying commercial insurance coverage. A patient's insurance coverage may change for a number of reasons, including changes in the patient's or a family member's employment status. Currently, for a patient covered by an employer group health plan, Medicare generally becomes the primary payor after 33 months, or earlier, if the patient's employer group health plan coverage terminates. When Medicare becomes the primary payor, the payment rate we receive for that patient decreases from the employer group health plan rate to the lower Medicare payment rate. We have seen an increase in the number of patients who have government-based programs as their primary payors which we believe is largely a result of improved mortality and recent economic conditions which have a negative impact on the percentage of patients covered under commercial insurance plans. To the extent there are sustained or increased job losses in the U.S., independent of whether general economic conditions might be improving, we could experience a continued decrease in the number of patients covered under commercial plans. We could also experience a further decrease if changes to the healthcare regulatory system result in fewer patients covered under commercial plans or an increase of patients covered under more restrictive commercial plans with lower reimbursement rates. In addition, our continuous process of negotiations with commercial payors under existing or potentially new agreements could result in a decrease in the number of patients under commercial plans to the extent that we cannot reach agreement with commercial payors on rates and other terms, resulting in termination or non-renewals of existing agreements or our inability to enter into new ones. If there is a significant reduction in the number of patients under higher-paying commercial plans relative to government-based programs that pay at lower rates, it would have a material adverse effect on our revenues, earnings and cash flows.

**Changes in the structure of and payment rates under the Medicare ESRD program, including the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, the Budget Control Act of 2011 and other healthcare reform initiatives, could substantially reduce our revenues, earnings and cash flows.**

Approximately 47% of our dialysis and related lab services revenues for the quarter ended March 31, 2014 was generated from patients who have Medicare as their primary payor. For patients with Medicare coverage, all ESRD payments for dialysis treatments are made under a single bundled payment rate which provides a fixed payment rate to encompass all goods and services provided during the dialysis treatment, including pharmaceuticals that were historically separately reimbursed to the dialysis providers, such as EPO, vitamin D analogs and iron supplements, irrespective of the level of pharmaceuticals administered or additional services performed. Most lab services that used to be paid directly to laboratories are also included in the bundled payment. The bundled payment rate is also adjusted for certain patient characteristics, a geographic usage index and certain other factors.

The current bundled payment system presents certain operating, clinical and financial risks, which include:

Risk that our rates are reduced by CMS. CMS issued the 2014 final rule for the ESRD PPS, which phases in over three to four years the 12% cut mandated by ATRA. Although no reimbursement reduction is expected in 2014 or 2015 under the final ESRD PPS rule, it is anticipated that future reductions will occur no later than 2017. However, the recent Protecting Access to Medicare Act that was passed on March 31, 2014 further modified the reduction to only 1.25% in 2016 and 2017, and 1% in 2018. While this modification eases reimbursement pressure, future legislative actions could have the opposite effect.

Risk that increases in our operating costs will outpace the Medicare rate increases we receive. We expect to continue experiencing increases in operating costs that are subject to inflation, such as labor and supply costs, regardless of whether there is a compensating inflation-based increase in Medicare payment rates or in payments under the bundled payment rate system.

Risk of federal budget sequestration cuts. As a result of the Budget Control Act of 2011 (BCA) and subsequent activity in Congress, a \$1.2 trillion sequester (across-the-board spending cuts) in discretionary programs took effect on March 1, 2013. In particular, a 2% reduction to Medicare

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payments took effect on April 1, 2013, which was recently extended through 2014 and 2015 by a two-year funding bill signed into law on December 26, 2013. The across-the-board spending cuts pursuant to the sequester have affected and will continue to adversely affect our revenues, earnings and cash flows.

Risk that we may not be able to comply with the CMS ESRD Quality Incentive Program requirements. Beginning in payment year 2016, CMS proposed to adopt two new clinical and reporting measures, continue using six existing clinical and reporting measures, revise two existing clinical and reporting measures, and expand one existing reporting measure. The final rule establishes calendar year 2014 as the performance period for all of the quality measures. To the extent we are not able to meet CMS's quality measures, it could have a material adverse effect on our revenues, earnings and cash flows.

For additional details regarding the risks we face for failing to adhere to our Medicare and Medicaid regulatory compliance obligations, see the risk factor below under the heading "If we fail to adhere to all of the complex government regulations that apply to our business, we could suffer severe consequences that would substantially reduce our revenues, earnings, cash flows and stock price."

### **Health care reform could substantially reduce our revenues, earnings and cash flows.**

We cannot predict how employers, private payors or persons buying insurance might react to the changes brought on by broad U.S. health care reform legislation or what form many of these regulations will take before implementation.

The health care reform legislation introduced health care insurance exchanges which provide a marketplace for eligible individuals and small employers to purchase health care insurance. Although we cannot predict the short or long term effects of these measures, we believe the health care insurance exchanges could result in a reduction in patients covered by commercial insurance or an increase of patients covered through the exchanges under more restrictive commercial plans with lower reimbursement rates. To the extent that the implementation of such exchanges results in a reduction in patients covered by commercial insurance or a reduction in reimbursement rates for our services from commercial and/or government payors, our revenues, earnings and cash flows could be adversely affected.

In addition, the health care reform legislation introduced severe penalties for the knowing and improper retention of overpayments collected from government payors and reduced the timeline to file Medicare claims. As a result, we made significant initial investments in new resources to accelerate the time it takes us to identify and process overpayments and we deployed significant resources to reduce our timeline and improve our claims processing methods to ensure that our Medicare claims are filed in a timely fashion. We may be required to make additional investments in the future. Failure to timely identify and return overpayments may result in significant additional penalties, which may have a negative impact on our revenues, earnings and cash flows. Failure to file a claim within the one year window could result in payment denials, adversely affecting our revenues, earnings and cash flows.

The health care reform legislation also added several new tax provisions that, among other things, impose various fees and excise taxes, and limit compensation deductions for health insurance providers and their affiliates. These rules could negatively impact our cash flow and tax liabilities.

The CMS Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (Innovation Center) is currently working with various healthcare providers to develop and implement ACOs and other innovative models of care for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. We are currently uncertain of the extent to which these models of care, including ACOs, Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Initiative, Comprehensive ESRD Care Model (which includes the development of ESCOs), the Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative, the Duals Demonstration, or other models, will impact the health care market. Our U.S. dialysis business may choose to participate in one or several

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of these models either as a partner with other providers or independently. We are currently seeking to participate in the Comprehensive ESRD Care Model with the Innovation Center. Even if we do not participate in this or other programs, some of our patients may be assigned to a program, in which case the quality and cost of care that we furnish will be included in an ACO's or other programs' calculations. As new models of care emerge, we may be at risk for losing our Medicare patient base, which would have a materially adverse effect on our revenues, earnings and cash flow. Other initiatives in the government or private sector may arise, including the development of models similar to ACOs, IPAs and integrated delivery systems or evolutions of those concepts which could adversely impact our business.

CMS instituted new screening procedures which we expect will delay the Medicare contractor approval process, potentially causing a delay in reimbursement. We anticipate the new screening and enrollment requirements will require additional personnel and financial resources and will potentially delay the enrollment and revalidation of our centers which in turn will delay payment. These delays may negatively impact our revenues, earnings and cash flows.

Other reform measures allow CMS to place a moratorium on new enrollment of providers and to suspend payment to providers upon a credible allegation of fraud from any source. These types of reform measures, as well as other measures, could adversely impact our revenues, earnings and cash flows depending upon the scope and breadth of the implementing regulations.

There is also a considerable amount of uncertainty as to the prospective implementation of the federal healthcare reform legislation and what similar measures might be enacted at the state level. The enacted reforms as well as future legislative changes could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, including lowering our reimbursement rates and increasing our expenses.

### **Changes in state Medicaid or other non-Medicare government-based programs or payment rates could reduce our revenues, earnings and cash flows.**

Approximately 20% of our dialysis and related lab services revenues for the quarter ended March 31, 2014 was generated from patients who have state Medicaid or other non-Medicare government-based programs, such as coverage through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), as their primary coverage. As state governments and other governmental organizations face increasing budgetary pressure, we may in turn face reductions in payment rates, delays in the receipt of payments, limitations on enrollee eligibility or other changes to the applicable programs. For example, certain state Medicaid programs and the VA have recently considered, proposed or implemented payment rate reductions.

The VA recently adopted Medicare's bundled PPS pricing methodology for any veterans receiving treatment from non-VA providers under a new national contracting initiative. Since we are a non-VA provider, these reimbursements are now tied to a percentage of Medicare reimbursement, and we have additional exposure to any dialysis reimbursement changes made by CMS. Approximately 2% of our dialysis and related lab services revenues for the quarter ended March 31, 2014 was generated by the VA. We entered into a five-year Nationwide Dialysis Services contract with the VA which is subject to one-year renewal periods, consistent with all provider agreements with the VA under this contract. These agreements provide for the right of the VA to terminate the agreements without cause on short notice. Should the VA not renew or cancel these agreements for any reason, we may cease accepting patients under this program and may be forced to close centers, which could adversely affect our revenues, earnings and cash flows.

State Medicaid programs are increasingly adopting Medicare-like bundled payment systems, but sometimes these payment systems are poorly defined and are implemented without any claims processing infrastructure, or patient or facility adjusters. If these payment systems are implemented without any adjusters and claims processing changes, Medicaid payments will be substantially reduced and the costs to submit such claims may increase, which will have a negative impact on our revenues, earnings and cash flows. In addition, some state



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Medicaid program eligibility requirements mandate that citizen enrollees in such programs provide documented proof of citizenship. If our patients cannot meet these proof of citizenship documentation requirements, they may be denied coverage under these programs, resulting in decreased patient volumes and revenue. These Medicaid payment and enrollment changes, along with similar changes to other non-Medicare government programs could reduce the rates paid by these programs for dialysis and related services, delay the receipt of payment for services provided, and further limit eligibility for coverage which could adversely affect our revenues, earnings and cash flows.

### **Changes in clinical practices, payment rates or regulations impacting EPO and other pharmaceuticals could adversely affect our operating results, reduce our revenues, earnings and cash flows and negatively impact our ability to care for patients.**

Medicare bundles EPO into the prospective payment system such that dosing variations do not change the amount paid to a dialysis facility. Although some Medicaid programs and other payors suggest movement towards a bundled payment system inclusive of EPO, some non-Medicare payors continue to pay for EPO separately from the treatment rate. The administration of EPO and other pharmaceuticals that are separately billable accounted for approximately 5% of our dialysis and related lab services revenues for the quarter ended March 31, 2014, with EPO alone accounting for approximately 3% of our dialysis and related lab services revenues during that period. Changes in physician clinical practices that result in further decreased utilization of prescribed pharmaceuticals or changes in payment rates for those pharmaceuticals could reduce our revenues, earnings and cash flows.

Evaluations on the utilization and reimbursement for ESAs, which have occurred in the past and may occur in the future, and related actions by the U.S. Congress and federal agencies, could result in further restrictions on the utilization and reimbursement for ESAs. Additionally, commercial payors have increasingly examined their administration policies for EPO and, in some cases, have modified those policies. Changes in labeling of EPO and other pharmaceuticals in a manner that alters physician practice patterns or accepted clinical practices, changes in private and governmental payment criteria, including the introduction of EPO administration policies or the conversion to alternate types of administration of EPO or other pharmaceuticals that result in further decreases in utilization of EPO for patients covered by commercial payors could have a material adverse effect on our revenues, earnings and cash flows. Further increased utilization of EPO for patients for whom the cost of EPO is included in a bundled reimbursement rate, or further decreases in reimbursement for EPO and other pharmaceuticals that are not included in a bundled reimbursement rate, could also have a material adverse effect on our revenues, earnings and cash flows.

Additionally, as a result of the current high level of scrutiny and controversy, we may be subject to increased inquiries or audits from a variety of governmental bodies or claims by third parties. Although we believe our anemia management practices and other pharmaceutical administration practices have been compliant with existing laws and regulations, increased inquiries or audits from governmental bodies or claims by third parties would require management's attention, and could result in significant legal expense. Any negative findings could result in substantial financial penalties or repayment obligations, the imposition of certain obligations on and changes to our practices and procedures as well as the attendant financial burden on us to comply with the obligations, or exclusion from future participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and could have a material adverse effect on our revenues, earnings and cash flows.

### **Changes in EPO pricing could materially reduce our earnings and cash flows and affect our ability to care for our patients.**

Future increases in the cost of EPO without corresponding increases in payment rates for EPO from commercial payors and without corresponding increases in the Medicare bundled rate could have a material adverse effect on our earnings and cash flows and ultimately reduce our income. In November 2011, we entered into a seven year Sourcing and Supply Agreement with Amgen USA Inc., pursuant to which we committed to

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purchase EPO in amounts necessary to meet no less than 90% of our requirements for ESAs. As long as we meet certain conditions, the agreement limits Amgen's ability to unilaterally increase the price for EPO during the term of the agreement. Our agreement with Amgen for EPO provides for discounted pricing and rebates for EPO. However, some of the rebates are subject to various conditions including, but not limited to, future pricing levels of EPO by Amgen and data submission by us. In addition, the rebates are subject to certain limitations. We cannot predict whether, over the seven year term of the agreement, we will continue to receive the rebates for EPO that we have received in the past, or whether we will continue to achieve the same levels of rebates within that structure as we have historically achieved. In the initial years of the agreement, the total rebate opportunity is less than what was provided in the agreement that expired at the end of 2011; however, the opportunity for us to earn discounts and rebates increases over the term of the agreement. Factors that could impact our ability to qualify for rebates provided for in our agreement with Amgen in the future include, but are not limited to, our ability to track certain data elements. We cannot predict whether we will be able to meet the applicable qualification requirements for receiving rebates. Failure to meet certain targets and earn the specified rebates could have a material adverse effect on our earnings and cash flows.

**We are the subject of a number of investigations by the federal government and two private civil suits, any of which could result in substantial penalties or awards against us, the imposition of certain obligations on our practices and procedures, exclusion from future participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs and possible criminal penalties.**

We are the subject of a number of investigations by the federal government. We have received subpoenas or other requests for documents from the federal government in connection with the Vainer private civil suit, the 2010 U.S. Attorney physician relationship investigation, the 2011 U.S. Attorney physician relationship investigation and the 2011 U.S. Attorney Medicaid investigation. Certain current and former members of our Board, as well as executives and other teammates have been subpoenaed to testify before a grand jury in Colorado related to the 2011 U.S. Attorney physician relationship investigation. (See Note 9 to the condensed consolidated financial statements of this report for additional details regarding these matters.)

With respect to the Vainer private civil suit, after investigation, the federal government did not intervene and is not actively pursuing this private civil suit. With respect to the Swoben civil suit, the United States Department of Justice declined to intervene after its review of the allegations contained in the Third Amended Complaint and is not actively pursuing this private civil suit other than its partial intervention for the purpose of settlement with and dismissal of the initial defendant in this proceeding. In each of these private civil suits, a relator filed a complaint against us in federal court under the *qui tam* provisions of the False Claims Act (FCA) (and in the Swoben matter, provisions of the California False Claims Act, as well) and pursued the claims independently after the government declined to intervene. The parties are engaged in active litigation in the Vainer private civil suit. With regard to the Swoben private civil suit, in July 2013, the court granted HCP's motion and dismissed with prejudice all of the claims in the Third Amended Complaint, and in October 2013 the plaintiff filed an appeal of the dismissal, which is currently pending. (See Note 9 to the condensed consolidated financial statements of this report for additional details regarding these matters).

We are cooperating with HHS's OIG and those offices of the U.S. Attorney pursuing the matters mentioned above. In addition, we have agreed to a framework for a global resolution with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado, the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice and the Office of the Inspector General for both the 2010 and the 2011 U.S. Attorney Physician Relationship Investigations. The settlement will include the payment of approximately \$389 million, entry into a corporate integrity agreement, the appointment of an independent compliance monitor, and the imposition of certain other business restrictions related to a subset of our joint venture arrangements. We have agreed to unwind a limited subset of joint ventures that were created through partial divestiture to nephrologists, and agreed not to enter into this type of partial divestiture joint venture with nephrologists in the future. The final settlement remains subject to negotiation of specific terms, and we can make no assurances as to the final outcome.

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**If we fail to adhere to all of the complex government regulations that apply to our business, we could suffer severe consequences that would substantially reduce our revenues, earnings, cash flows and stock price.**

Our dialysis operations are subject to extensive federal, state and local government regulations, including Medicare and Medicaid payment rules and regulations, federal and state anti-kickback laws, the physician self-referral law (Stark Law) and analogous state self-referral prohibition statutes, Federal Acquisition Regulations, the FCA and federal and state laws regarding the collection, use and disclosure of patient health information and the storage, handling and administration of pharmaceuticals. The Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rules related to claims submission, enrollment and licensing requirements, cost reporting, and payment processes impose complex and extensive requirements upon dialysis providers as well. A violation or departure from any of these legal requirements may result in government audits, lower reimbursements, significant fines and penalties, the potential loss of certification, recoupment efforts or voluntary repayments.

We endeavor to comply with all legal requirements, however, there is no guarantee that we will be able to adhere to all of the complex government regulations that apply to our business. For example, we have experienced past security breaches with regard to patient health information and there can be no assurance that we will not suffer security breaches in the future. We further endeavor to structure all of our relationships with physicians to comply with state and federal anti-kickback and physician self-referral laws. We utilize considerable resources to monitor the laws and implement necessary changes. However, the laws and regulations in these areas are complex and often subject to varying interpretations. For example, if an enforcement agency were to challenge the level of compensation that we pay our medical directors or the number of medical directors whom we engage, we could be required to change our practices, face criminal or civil penalties, pay substantial fines or otherwise experience a material adverse effect as a result of a challenge to these arrangements. In addition, amendments to the FCA impose severe penalties for the knowing and improper retention of overpayments collected from government payors. These amendments could subject our procedures for identifying and processing overpayments to greater scrutiny. We have made significant investments in new resources to decrease the time it takes to identify and process overpayments and we may be required to make additional investments in the future. An acceleration in our ability to identify and process overpayments could result in us refunding overpayments to government and other payors more rapidly than we have in the past which could have a material adverse effect on our operating cash flows. Additionally, amendments to the federal anti-kickback statute in the health reform law make anti-kickback violations subject to FCA prosecution, including *qui tam* or whistleblower suits.

If any of our operations are found to violate these or other government regulations, we could suffer severe consequences that would have a material adverse effect on our revenues, earnings, cash flows and stock price, including:

Suspension or termination of our participation in government payment programs;

Refunds of amounts received in violation of law or applicable payment program requirements;

Loss of required government certifications or exclusion from government payment programs;

Loss of licenses required to operate health care facilities or administer pharmaceuticals in some of the states in which we operate;

Reductions in payment rates or coverage for dialysis and ancillary services and related pharmaceuticals;

Fines, damages or monetary penalties for anti-kickback law violations, Stark Law violations, FCA violations, civil or criminal liability based on violations of law, or other failures to meet regulatory requirements;

Enforcement actions by governmental agencies and/or state claims for monetary damages by patients who believe their protected health information has been used, disclosed or not properly safeguarded in violation of federal or state patient privacy laws, including Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996;



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Mandated changes to our practices or procedures that significantly increase operating expenses;

Imposition of and compliance with corporate integrity agreements that could subject us to ongoing audits and reporting requirements as well as increased scrutiny of our billing and business practices which could lead to potential fines;

Termination of relationships with medical directors; and

Harm to our reputation which could impact our business relationships, affect our ability to obtain financing and decrease access to new business opportunities.

**Delays in state Medicare and Medicaid certification of our dialysis centers could adversely affect our revenues, earnings and cash flows.**

Before we can begin billing for patients treated in our outpatient dialysis centers who are enrolled in government-based programs, we are required to obtain state and federal certification for participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. As state agencies responsible for surveying dialysis centers on behalf of the state and Medicare program face increasing budgetary pressure, certain states are having difficulty keeping up with certifying dialysis centers in the normal course resulting in significant delays in certification. If state governments continue to have difficulty keeping up with certifying new centers in the normal course and we continue to experience significant delays in our ability to treat and bill for services provided to patients covered under government programs, it could cause us to incur write-offs of investments or accelerate the recognition of lease obligations in the event we have to close centers or our centers' operating performance deteriorates, and it could have an adverse effect on our revenues, earnings and cash flows.

**If our joint ventures were found to violate the law, we could suffer severe consequences that would have a material adverse effect on our revenues, earnings and cash flows.**

As of March 31, 2014, we owned a controlling interest in numerous dialysis-related joint ventures, which represented approximately 21% of our U.S. dialysis and related lab services revenues for the quarter ended March 31, 2014. In addition, we also owned minority equity investments in several other dialysis related joint ventures. We may continue to increase the number of our joint ventures. Many of our joint ventures with physicians or physician groups also have certain physician owners providing medical director services to centers we own and operate. Because our relationships with physicians are governed by the federal and state anti-kickback statutes, we have sought to structure our joint venture arrangements to satisfy as many federal safe harbor requirements as we believe are commercially reasonable. However, our joint venture arrangements do not satisfy all of the elements of any safe harbor under the federal anti-kickback statute. Arrangements that do not meet all of the elements of a safe harbor are not automatically prohibited under the federal anti-kickback statute but are susceptible to government scrutiny. We have recently agreed to a framework for a global resolution with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado, the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice and the Office of the Inspector General for both the 2010 and the 2011 U.S. Attorney Physician Relationship Investigations, including the payment of approximately \$389 million, entry into a corporate integrity agreement, the appointment of an independent compliance monitor, and the imposition of certain other business restrictions related to a subset of our joint venture arrangements. Under the terms of the framework for resolution, we have agreed to unwind a limited subset of joint ventures that were created through partial divestiture to nephrologists, and agreed not to enter into this type of partial divestiture joint venture with nephrologists in the future. The final settlement remains subject to negotiation of specific terms, and we can make no assurances as to the final outcome.

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**There are significant estimating risks associated with the amount of dialysis revenues and related refund liabilities that we recognize and if we are unable to accurately estimate our revenues and related refund liabilities, it could impact the timing and the amount of our revenues recognition or have a significant impact on our operating results.**

There are significant estimating risks associated with the amount of dialysis and related lab services revenues and related refund liabilities that we recognize in a reporting period. The billing and collection process is complex due to ongoing insurance coverage changes, geographic coverage differences, differing interpretations of contract coverage, and other payor issues. Determining applicable primary and secondary coverage for approximately 165,000 U.S. patients at any point in time, together with the changes in patient coverage that occur each month, requires complex, resource-intensive processes. Errors in determining the correct coordination of benefits may result in refunds to payors. Revenues associated with Medicare and Medicaid programs are also subject to estimating risk related to the amounts not paid by the primary government payor that will ultimately be collectible from other government programs paying secondary coverage, the patient's commercial health plan secondary coverage or the patient. Collections, refunds and payor retractions typically continue to occur for up to three years and longer after services are provided. We generally expect our range of U.S. dialysis and related lab services revenues estimating risk to be within 1% of net revenues for the segment, which represents approximately 5% of dialysis adjusted operating income. If our estimates of dialysis and related lab services revenues and related refund liabilities are materially inaccurate, it could impact the timing and the amount of our revenues recognition and have a significant impact on our operating results.

**Our ancillary services and strategic initiatives, including our international dialysis operations, that we invest in now or in the future may generate losses and may ultimately be unsuccessful. In the event that one or more of these activities is unsuccessful, we may have to write off our investment and incur other exit costs.**

Our ancillary services and strategic initiatives currently include pharmacy services, disease management services, vascular access services, ESRD clinical research programs, physician services, direct primary care and our international dialysis operations. We expect to add additional service offerings and pursue additional strategic initiatives in the future as circumstances warrant, which could include healthcare services not related to dialysis. Many of these initiatives require or would require investments of both management and financial resources and can generate significant losses for a substantial period of time and may not become profitable. There can be no assurance that any such strategic initiative will ultimately be successful. Any significant change in market conditions, or business performance, or in the political, legislative or regulatory environment, may impact the economic viability of any of these strategic initiatives. If any of our ancillary services or strategic initiatives, including our international dialysis operations, do not perform as planned, we may incur a material write-off or an impairment of our investment, including goodwill, in one or more of these activities or we could incur significant termination costs if we were to exit a certain line of business.

**If a significant number of physicians were to cease referring patients to our dialysis centers, whether due to regulatory or other reasons, it would have a material adverse effect on our revenues, earnings and cash flows.**

We believe that physicians prefer to have their patients treated at dialysis centers where they or other members of their practice supervise the overall care provided as medical director of the center. As a result, the primary referral source for most of our centers is often the physician or physician group providing medical director services to the center.

Our medical director contracts are for fixed periods, generally ten years, and at any given time a large number of them could be up for renewal at the same time. Medical directors have no obligation to extend their agreements with us and if we are unable to enforce noncompetition provisions contained in terminated medical director agreements, our former medical directors may choose to provide medical director services for competing providers or establish their own dialysis centers in competition with ours. Neither our current nor former medical directors have an obligation to refer their patients to our centers.

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Opportunities presented by our competitors or different affiliation models in the changing healthcare environment, such as an increase in the number of physicians becoming employed by hospitals or a perceived decrease in the quality of service levels at our centers may negatively impact a medical director's decision to enter into or extend his or her agreement with us, refer patients to our centers or otherwise negatively impact treatment volumes.

In addition, we may take actions to restructure existing relationships or take positions in negotiating extensions of relationships to assure compliance with the anti-kickback statute, Stark Law and other similar laws. If the terms of any existing agreement are found to violate applicable laws, we may not be successful in restructuring the relationship which could lead to the early termination of the agreement, or cause the physician to stop referring patients to our dialysis centers. These actions in an effort to comply with applicable laws and regulations could negatively impact the decision of physicians to extend their medical director agreements with us or to refer their patients to us. If a significant number of physicians were to cease referring patients to our dialysis centers, our revenues, earnings and cash flows would be substantially reduced.

### **Current economic conditions as well as further disruptions in the financial markets could have a material adverse effect on our revenues, earnings and cash flows and otherwise adversely affect our financial condition.**

Current economic conditions could adversely affect our business and our profitability. Among other things, the potential decline in federal and state revenues that may result from such conditions may create additional pressures to contain or reduce reimbursements for our services from Medicare, Medicaid and other government sponsored programs. Increasing job losses or slow improvement in the unemployment rate in the U.S. as a result of current or recent economic conditions has and may continue to result in a smaller percentage of our patients being covered by an employer group health plan and a larger percentage being covered by lower paying Medicare and Medicaid programs. Employers may also begin to select more restrictive commercial plans with lower reimbursement rates. To the extent that payors are negatively impacted by a decline in the economy, we may experience further pressure on commercial rates, a further slowdown in collections and a reduction in the amounts we expect to collect. In addition, uncertainty in the financial markets could adversely affect the variable interest rates payable under our credit facilities or could make it more difficult to obtain or renew such facilities or to obtain other forms of financing in the future, if at all. Any or all of these factors, as well as other consequences of the current economic conditions which cannot currently be anticipated, could have a material adverse effect on our revenues, earnings and cash flows and otherwise adversely affect our financial condition.

### **If there are shortages of skilled clinical personnel or if we experience a higher than normal turnover rate, we may experience disruptions in our business operations and increases in operating expenses.**

We are experiencing increased labor costs and difficulties in hiring nurses due to a nationwide shortage of skilled clinical personnel. We compete for nurses with hospitals and other health care providers. This nursing shortage may limit our ability to expand our operations. In addition, changes in certification requirements or increases in the required staffing levels for skilled clinical personnel can impact our ability to maintain sufficient staff levels to the extent our teammates are not able to meet new requirements or we experience a higher than normal turnover rate due to increased competition for qualified clinical personnel. If we are unable to hire skilled clinical personnel when needed, or if we experience a higher than normal turnover rate for our skilled clinical personnel, our operations and treatment growth will be negatively impacted, which would result in reduced revenues, earnings and cash flows.

### **Our business is labor intensive and could be adversely affected if we are unable to maintain satisfactory relations with our employees or if union organizing activities result in significant increases in our operating costs or decreases in productivity.**

Our business is labor intensive, and our results are subject to variations in labor-related costs, productivity and the number of pending or potential claims against us related to labor and employment practices. If political

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efforts at the national and local level result in actions or proposals that increase the likelihood of union organizing activities at our facilities or if union organizing activities increase for other reasons, or if labor and employment claims, including the filing of class action suits, trend upwards, our operating costs could increase and our employee relations, productivity, earnings and cash flows could be adversely affected.

### **Upgrades to our billing and collections systems and complications associated with upgrades and other improvements to our billing and collections systems could have a material adverse effect on our revenues, cash flows and operating results.**

We are continuously performing upgrades to our billing systems and expect to continue to do so in the near term. In addition, we continuously work to improve our billing and collections performance through process upgrades, organizational changes and other improvements. We may experience difficulties in our ability to successfully bill and collect for services rendered as a result of these changes, including a slow-down of collections, a reduction in the amounts we expect to collect, increased risk of retractions from and refunds to commercial and government payors, an increase in our provision for uncollectible accounts receivable and noncompliance with reimbursement regulations. The failure to successfully implement upgrades to the billing and collection systems and other improvements could have a material adverse effect on our revenues, cash flows and operating results.

### **Our ability to effectively provide the services we offer could be negatively impacted if certain of our suppliers are unable to meet our needs or if we are unable to effectively access new technology, which could substantially reduce our revenues, earnings and cash flows.**

We have significant suppliers that are either the sole or primary source of products critical to the services we provide, including Amgen, Baxter Healthcare Corporation, NxStage Medical, Inc. and others or to which we have committed obligations to make purchases including Gambro and FMC. If any of these suppliers are unable to meet our needs for the products they supply, including in the event of a product recall or shortage, and we are not able to find adequate alternative sources, or if some of the drugs that we purchase are not reimbursed or not adequately reimbursed by commercial payors or through the bundled payment rate by Medicare, our revenues, earnings and cash flows could be substantially reduced. In addition, the technology related to the products critical to the services we provide is subject to new developments and may result in superior products. If we are not able to access superior products on a cost-effective basis or if suppliers are not able to fulfill our requirements for such products, we could face patient attrition which could substantially reduce our revenues, earnings and cash flows.

### **Risk factors related to HCP:**

#### **HCP is subject to many of the same risks to which our dialysis business is subject.**

As a participant in the healthcare industry, HCP is subject to many of the same risks to which our dialysis business is subject to as described in the risk factors set forth above in this Part II, Item 1A, any of which could materially and adversely affect HCP's revenues, earnings or cash flows. Among these risks are the following:

The healthcare business is heavily regulated and changes in laws, regulations, or government programs could have a material impact on HCP;

Failure to comply with complex governmental regulations could have severe consequences to HCP, including, without limitation, exclusion from governmental payor programs like Medicare and Medicaid;

HCP could become the subject of governmental investigations, claims, and litigation;

HCP may be unable to continue to explore potential acquisition candidates, make acquisitions or successfully integrate such acquisitions into its business, and such acquisitions may include liabilities of which HCP was not aware; and



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As a result of the broad scope of HCP's medical practice, HCP is exposed to medical malpractice claims, as well as claims for damages and other expenses, that may not be covered by insurance or for which adequate limits of insurance coverage may not be available.

**Under most of HCP's agreements with health plans, HCP assumes some or all of the risk that the cost of providing services will exceed its compensation.**

Substantially all of HCP's revenue is derived from fixed Per Member Per Month (PMPM) fees paid by health plans under capitation agreements with HCP or its associated physician groups. While there are variations specific to each arrangement, HealthCare Partners Affiliates Medical Group and HealthCare Partners Associates Medical Group, Inc. (collectively HCPAMG) generally contract with health plans to receive a PMPM fee for professional services and assumes the financial responsibility for professional services only. In some cases, the health plans separately enter into capitation contracts with third parties (typically hospitals) who receive directly a PMPM fee and assume contractual financial responsibility for hospital services. In other cases, the health plan does not pay any portion of the PMPM fee to the hospital, but rather administers claims for hospital expenses itself. In both scenarios, HCP enters into managed care-related administrative services agreements or similar arrangements with those third parties (hospitals) under which HCP agrees to be responsible for utilization review, quality assurance, and other managed care-related administrative functions and claim payments. As compensation for such administrative services, HCP is entitled to receive a percentage of the amount by which the institutional capitation revenue received from health plans exceeds institutional expenses; any such risk-share amount to which HCP is entitled is recorded as medical revenues and HCP is also responsible for any short-fall in the event that institutional expenses exceed institutional revenues. To the extent that members require more care than is anticipated, aggregate fixed PMPM amounts, or capitation payments, may be insufficient to cover the costs associated with treatment. If medical expenses exceed estimates, except in very limited circumstances, HCP will not be able to increase the PMPM fee received under these risk agreements during their then-current terms and could, directly or indirectly through its contracts with its associated physician groups, suffer losses with respect to such agreements.

Changes in HCP's or its associated physician groups' anticipated ratio of medical expense to revenue can significantly impact HCP's financial results. Accordingly, the failure to adequately predict and control medical expenses and to make reasonable estimates and maintain adequate accruals for incurred but not reported claims, may have a material adverse effect on HCP's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Historically, HCP's and its associated physician groups' medical expenses as a percentage of revenue have fluctuated. Factors that may cause medical expenses to exceed estimates include:

the health status of members;

higher than expected utilization of new or existing healthcare services or technologies;

an increase in the cost of healthcare services and supplies, including pharmaceuticals, whether as a result of inflation or otherwise;

changes to mandated benefits or other changes in healthcare laws, regulations, and practices;

periodic renegotiation of provider contracts with specialist physicians, hospitals, and ancillary providers;

periodic renegotiation of contracts with HCP's associated primary care physicians;

changes in the demographics of the participating members and medical trends;

contractual or claims disputes with providers, hospitals, or other service providers within a health plan's network;

the occurrence of catastrophes, major epidemics, or acts of terrorism; and

plans with declining premiums.

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### **Risk-sharing arrangements that HCP-associated physician groups have with health plans and hospitals could result in their costs exceeding the corresponding revenues, which could reduce or eliminate any shared risk profitability.**

Most of the agreements between health plans and HCP and its associated physician groups contain risk-sharing arrangements under which the physician groups can earn additional compensation from the health plans by coordinating the provision of quality, cost-effective healthcare to members. However, such arrangements may require the physician group to assume a portion of any loss sustained from these arrangements, thereby reducing HCP's net income. Under these risk-sharing arrangements, HCP and its associated physician groups are responsible for a portion of the cost of hospital services or other services that are not capitated. The terms of the particular risk-sharing arrangement allocate responsibility to the respective parties when the cost of services exceeds the related revenue, which results in a deficit, or permit the parties to share in any surplus amounts when actual costs are less than the related revenue. The amount of non-capitated medical and hospital costs in any period could be affected by factors beyond the control of HCP, such as changes in treatment protocols, new technologies, longer lengths of stay by the patient, and inflation. To the extent that such non-capitated medical and hospital costs are higher than anticipated, revenue may not be sufficient to cover the risk-sharing deficits the health plans and HCP are responsible for, which could reduce HCP's revenues and profitability. Certain of HCP's agreements with health plans stipulate that risk-sharing pool deficit amounts are carried forward to offset any future years surplus amounts HCP would otherwise be entitled to receive. HCP accrues for any such risk-sharing deficits.

Although HCP seeks to contractually reduce or eliminate its liability for risk-sharing deficits, risk-sharing deficits could significantly impact HCP's profitability.

### **Renegotiation, renewal, or termination of capitation agreements with health plans could have a significant impact on HCP's future profitability.**

Under most of HCP's and its associated physician groups' capitation agreements with health plans, the health plan is generally permitted to modify the benefit and risk obligations and compensation rights from time to time during the terms of the agreements. If a health plan exercises its right to amend its benefit and risk obligations and compensation rights, HCP and its associated physician groups are generally allowed a period of time to object to such amendment. If HCP or its associated physician group so objects, under some of the risk agreements, the relevant health plan may terminate the applicable agreement upon 90 to 180 days written notice. If HCP or its associated physician groups enter into capitation contracts or other risk sharing arrangements with unfavorable economic terms, or a capitation contract is amended to include unfavorable terms, HCP could, directly or indirectly through its contracts with its associated physician groups, suffer losses with respect to such contract. Since HCP does not negotiate with CMS or any health plan regarding the benefits to be provided under their Medicare Advantage plans, HCP often has just a few months to familiarize itself with each new annual package of benefits it is expected to offer. Depending on the health plan at issue and the amount of revenue associated with the health plan's risk agreement, the renegotiated terms or termination may have a material adverse effect on HCP's and DaVita's future revenues and profitability.

### **Laws regulating the corporate practice of medicine could restrict the manner in which HCP is permitted to conduct its business and the failure to comply with such laws could subject HCP to penalties or require a restructuring of HCP.**

Some states have laws that prohibit business entities, such as HCP, from practicing medicine, employing physicians to practice medicine, exercising control over medical decisions by physicians (also known collectively as the corporate practice of medicine) or engaging in certain arrangements, such as fee-splitting, with physicians. In some states these prohibitions are expressly stated in a statute or regulation, while in other states the prohibition is a matter of judicial or regulatory interpretation. Of the states in which HCP currently operates, California and Nevada prohibit the corporate practice of medicine.

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In California and Nevada, HCP operates by maintaining long-term contracts with its associated physician groups which are each owned and operated by physicians and which employ or contract with additional physicians to provide physician services. Under these arrangements, HCP provides management services, receives a management fee for providing non-medical management services, does not represent that it offers medical services, and does not exercise influence or control over the practice of medicine by the physicians or the associated physician groups.

In addition to the above management arrangements, HCP has certain contractual rights relating to the orderly transfer of equity interests in certain of its associated California and Nevada physician groups through succession agreements and other arrangements with their physician equity holders. However, such equity interests cannot be transferred to or held by HCP or by any non-professional organization. Accordingly, neither HCP nor HCP's subsidiaries directly own any equity interests in any physician groups in California and Nevada. In the event that any of these associated physician groups fails to comply with the management arrangement or any management arrangement is terminated and/or HCP is unable to enforce its contractual rights over the orderly transfer of equity interests in its associated physician groups, such events could have a material adverse effect on HCP's business, financial condition or results of operations.

It is possible that a state regulatory agency or a court could determine that HCP's agreements with physician equity holders of certain managed California and Nevada associated physician groups as described above, either independently or coupled with the management services agreements with such associated physician groups are in violation of the corporate practice of medicine doctrine. As a result, these arrangements could be deemed invalid, potentially resulting in a loss of revenues and an adverse effect on results of operations derived from such associated physician groups. Such a determination could force a restructuring of HCP's management arrangements with associated physician groups in California and/or Nevada, which might include revisions of the management services agreements, including a modification of the management fee and/or establishing an alternative structure, which would permit HCP to contract with a physician network without violating the corporate practice of medicine prohibition. There can be no assurance that such a restructuring would be feasible, or that it could be accomplished within a reasonable time frame without a material adverse effect on HCP's operations and financial results. In December 2013, HCP obtained a restricted Knox-Keene license in California pursuant to the California Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975 (the Knox-Keene Act), which permits HCP to contract with a physician network in California without violating the corporate practice of medicine prohibition. However, HCP's Nevada associated physician groups and HCP, as well as those physician equity holders of associated physician groups who are subject to succession agreements with HCP, could be subject to criminal or civil penalties or an injunction for practicing medicine without a license or aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine.

**If HCP's agreements or arrangements with any physician equity holder(s) of associated physicians, physician groups, or IPAs are deemed invalid under state law, including laws against the corporate practice of medicine, or federal law, or are terminated as a result of changes in state law, or if there is a change in accounting standards by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) or the interpretation thereof affecting consolidation of entities, it could impact HCP's consolidation of total revenues derived from such associated physician groups.**

HCP's financial statements are consolidated and include the accounts of its majority-owned subsidiaries and certain non-owned HCP-associated and managed physician groups, which consolidation is effectuated in accordance with applicable accounting standards. Such consolidation for accounting and/or tax purposes does not, is not intended to, and should not be deemed to, imply or provide to HCP any control over the medical or clinical affairs of such physician groups. In the event of a change in accounting standards promulgated by FASB or in interpretation of its standards, or if there were an adverse determination by a regulatory agency or a court, or a change in state or federal law relating to the ability to maintain present agreements or arrangements with such physician groups, HCP may not be permitted to continue to consolidate the total revenues of such organizations. A change in accounting for consolidation with respect to HCP's present agreement or

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arrangements would diminish HCP's reported revenues but would not be expected to materially adversely affect its reported results of operations, while regulatory or legal rulings or changes in law interfering with HCP's ability to maintain its present agreements or arrangements could materially diminish both revenues and results of operations.

**If HCP's associated physician group is not able to satisfy the California Department of Managed Health Care's financial solvency requirements, HCP's associated physician group could become subject to sanctions and HCP's ability to do business in California could be limited or terminated.**

The California Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) has instituted financial solvency regulations. The regulations are intended to provide a formal mechanism for monitoring the financial solvency of capitated physician groups. Under the regulations, HCP's associated physician group is required to, among other things:

Maintain, at all times, a minimum cash-to-claims ratio (where cash-to-claims ratio means the organization's cash, marketable securities, and certain qualified receivables, divided by the organization's total unpaid claims liability). The regulation currently requires a cash-to-claims ratio of 0.75.

Submit periodic reports to the DMHC containing various data and attestations regarding performance and financial solvency, including incurred but not reported calculations and documentation, and attestations as to whether or not the organization was in compliance with the Knox-Keene Act requirements related to claims payment timeliness had maintained positive tangible net equity (i.e., at least \$1.00), and had maintained positive working capital (i.e., at least \$1.00).

In the event that a physician organization is not in compliance with any of the above criteria, the organization would be required to describe in a report submitted to the DMHC the reasons for non-compliance and actions to be taken to bring the organization into compliance. Further, under these regulations, the DMHC can make public some of the information contained in the reports, including, but not limited to, whether or not a particular physician organization met each of the criteria. In the event HCP's associated physician group is not able to meet certain of the financial solvency requirements, and fails to meet subsequent corrective action plans, HCP's associated physician group could be subject to sanctions, or limitations on, or removal of, its ability to do business in California.

**Reductions in Medicare Advantage health plan reimbursement rates stemming from recent healthcare reforms and any future related regulations may negatively impact HCP's business, revenue and profitability.**

A significant portion of HCP's revenue is directly or indirectly derived from the monthly premium payments paid by CMS to health plans for medical services provided to Medicare Advantage enrollees. As a result, HCP's results of operations are, in part, dependent on government funding levels for Medicare Advantage programs. Any changes that limit or reduce Medicare Advantage reimbursement levels, including those recently approved and effective in 2014, such as reductions in or limitations of reimbursement amounts or rates under programs, reductions in funding of programs, expansion of benefits without adequate funding, elimination of coverage for certain benefits, or elimination of coverage for certain individuals or treatments under programs, could have a material adverse effect on HCP's revenues, earnings and cash flows. We expect the Medicare provider reimbursement cuts that we currently face will reduce HCP's Medicare Advantage reimbursement levels by approximately 8% in 2014 as compared to 2013. On April 7, 2014 CMS issued final guidance for 2015 Medicare Advantage rates, which incorporated a re-blending of the risk adjustment models which CMS utilizes to determine risk acuity scores of Medicare Advantage patients. We estimate that the final cumulative impact of the 2015 rate structure represents an increase of up to approximately 0.5% of HCP's average revenues it manages on behalf of its senior capitated population as compared to 2014.

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The Health Reform Acts contain a number of provisions that negatively impact Medicare Advantage plans, which may each have an adverse effect on HCP's revenues, earnings, and cash flows. These provisions include the following:

Medicare Advantage benchmarks for 2011 were frozen at 2010 levels. Beginning in 2012, Medicare Advantage benchmark rates are being phased down from prior levels to levels that are between 95% and 115% of the Medicare FFS costs, depending on a plan's geographic area. Failure to meet these revised benchmarks may have a significant negative impact on HCP's revenues, earnings and cash flows.

Rebates received by Medicare Advantage plans that underbid based on payment benchmarks will be reduced, with larger reductions for plans failing to receive certain quality ratings.

The Secretary of the HHS has been granted the explicit authority to deny Medicare Advantage plan bids that propose significant increases in cost sharing or decreases in benefits. If the bids submitted by plans contracted with HCP are denied, this would have a significant negative impact on HCP's revenues, earnings and cash flows.

Beginning in 2014, Medicare Advantage plans with medical loss ratios below 85% are required to pay a rebate to the Secretary of HHS. The rebate amount will be the total revenue under the contract year multiplied by the difference between 85% and the plan's actual medical loss ratio. The Secretary of HHS will halt enrollment in any plan failing to meet this ratio for three consecutive years, and terminate any plan failing to meet the ratio for five consecutive years. If an HCP-contracting Medicare Advantage plan experiences a limitation on enrollment or is otherwise terminated from the Medicare Advantage program, HCP may suffer materially adverse consequences to its business or financial condition.

Since January 1, 2011, cost-sharing for certain services (such as chemotherapy and skilled nursing care) has been limited to the cost-sharing permitted under the original FFS Medicare program, which could reduce HCP's revenues, earnings and cash flows by reducing the amount that enrollees are permitted to pay for such services.

Prescription drug plans are now required to cover all drugs on a list developed by the Secretary of HHS, which could increase the cost of providing care to Medicare Advantage enrollees, and thereby reduce HCP's revenues. The Medicare part D premium subsidy for high-income beneficiaries has been reduced by 25%, which could lower the number of Medicare Advantage enrollees, which would have a negative impact on HCP's revenues, earnings and cash flows.

Beginning in 2014, CMS is required to increase coding intensity adjustments for Medicare Advantage plans, which is expected to reduce CMS payments to Medicare Advantage plans, which in turn will likely reduce the amounts payable to HCP and its associated physicians, physician groups, and IPAs under its capitation agreements. The government's budget for Fiscal Year 2014 further increases the coding intensity adjustments starting in 2015, which may further reduce HCP's revenues, earnings and cash flows. The President's proposed 2015 budget proposes nearly \$400 million in cuts to Medicare over the next decade. Although the majority of the cuts are not targeted at Medicare Advantage plans, the broad cuts could signal further downward pressure on reimbursement to Medicare providers and Medicare Advantage plans, which would have a negative impact on HCP's revenues, earnings and cash flows.

On April 1, 2013, CMS published its final 2014 Call Letter - CMS's annual notice to health plans regarding the Medicare Advantage payment methodology and estimated rates for 2014. In a reversal of its previous estimates, which called for a 2.2% reduction in the 2014 Medicare Advantage rates, CMS included in its final 2014 Call Letter an estimated 3.3% increase in the 2014 Medicare Advantage rates. This reversal was the result of CMS's new assumption that Congressional action would prospectively fix the Medicare physician fee

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schedule's SGR formula. By assuming an imminent solution to the SGR formula's automatic rate reductions, CMS was able to base its 2014 Medicare Advantage estimates on an assumed 0% change in the Medicare physician fee schedule rates for 2014. As noted above, this change in CMS's assumption has a dramatic positive impact on the estimated Medicare Advantage rates for 2014. However, a resolution of the SGR formula has yet to be passed by Congress, it recently passed its 17<sup>th</sup> delay to the implementation of the SGR formula, which would have led to a 24% reduction in Medicare payments to physicians. This delay extends implementation for a further 12 months, during which time we believe that Congress intends to be able to pass a more permanent solution to the SGR formula. Although a congressionally mandated change to the SGR formula, as described above, would potentially have a significant positive impact on HCP's Medicare Advantage revenues and net income, the likelihood of increasing medical costs and the uncertainty of Congressional action mitigate against the positive impact of CMS's recent Medicare Advantage estimates.

In addition to the uncertainty surrounding whether Congress will be able to resolve the SGR formula's automatic rate reductions, there is uncertainty regarding both Medicare Advantage payment rates and beneficiary enrollment, which, if reduced as a result of the implementation of the Health Reform Acts, would reduce HCP's overall revenues and net income. For example, although the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) predicted in 2012 that Medicare Advantage participation would drop precipitously by 2020, in 2013 the CBO reversed its prediction and instead predicted that enrollment in Medicare Advantage could increase by up to 50% in the next decade. Uncertainty over Medicare Advantage enrollment and payment rates present a continuing risk to HCP's business.

Finally, although the Health Reform Acts provide for reductions in payments to Medicare Advantage plans, the Health Reform Acts also provide for bonus payments to Medicare Advantage plans with four or five star quality ratings. In November 2011, CMS announced a three-year demonstration project with an alternative bonus structure that awards bonuses to plans with three or more stars. Now in the final year of the demonstration, it is unclear what payment structure will be proposed after the demonstration project, which could impact HCP's Medicare Advantage and other revenues and net income.

**HCP's operations are dependent on competing health plans and, at times, a health plan's and HCP's economic interests may diverge.**

For the quarter ended March 31, 2014, 66% of HCP's consolidated capitated medical revenues were earned through contracts with three health plans.

HCP expects that, going forward, substantially all of its revenue will continue to be derived from these and other health plans. Each health plan may immediately terminate any of HCP's contracts and/or any individual credentialed physician upon the occurrence of certain events. They may also amend the material terms of the contracts under certain circumstances. Failure to maintain the contracts on favorable terms, for any reason, would materially and adversely affect HCP's results of operations and financial condition. A material decline in the number of members could also have a material adverse effect on HCP's results of operations.

Notwithstanding each health plan's and HCP's current shared interest in providing service to HCP's members who are enrolled in the subject health plans, the health plans may have different and, at times, opposing economic interests from those of HCP. The health plans provide a wide range of health insurance services across a wide range of geographic regions, utilizing a vast network of providers. As a result, they and HCP may have different views regarding the proper pricing of services and/or the proper pricing of the various service providers in their provider networks, the cost of which HCP bears to the extent that the services of such service providers are utilized. These health plans may also have different views than HCP regarding the efforts and expenditures that they, HCP, and/or other service providers should make to achieve and/or maintain various quality ratings. In addition, several health plans have purchased or announced their intent to purchase provider organizations. If health plans with which HCP contracts make significant purchases, they may not continue to contract with HCP or contract on less favorable terms or seek to prevent HCP from acquiring or entering into arrangements with

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certain providers. Similarly, as a result of changes in laws, regulations, consumer preferences, or other factors, the health plans may find it in their best interest to provide health insurance services pursuant to another payment or reimbursement structure. In the event HCP's interests diverge from the interests of the health plans, HCP may have limited recourse or alternative options in light of its dependence on these health plans. There can be no assurances that HCP will continue to find it mutually beneficial to work with the health plans. As a result of various restrictive provisions that appear in some of the managed care agreements with health plans, HCP may at times have limitations on its ability to cancel an agreement with a particular health plan and immediately thereafter contract with a competing health plan with respect to the same service area.

**HCP and its associated physicians, physician groups and IPAs and other physicians may be required to continue providing services following termination or renegotiation of certain agreements with health plans.**

There are circumstances under federal and state law pursuant to which HCP and its associated physician groups IPAs, and other physicians could be obligated to continue to provide medical services to HCP members in their care following a termination of their applicable risk agreement with health plans and termination of the receipt of payments thereunder. In certain cases, this obligation could require the physician group or IPA to provide care to such member following the bankruptcy or insolvency of a health plan. Accordingly, the obligations to provide medical services to HCP members (and the associated costs) may not terminate at the time the applicable agreement with the health plan terminates, and HCP may not be able to recover its cost of providing those services from the health plan, which could have a material adverse effect on HCP's financial condition, results of operations, and/or cash flows.

**HCP operates primarily in Arizona, California, Florida, Nevada and New Mexico, and may not be able to successfully establish a presence in new geographic regions.**

HCP derives substantially all of its revenue from operations in Arizona, California, Florida, Nevada and New Mexico (Arizona, California, Florida, Nevada and New Mexico are hereinafter referred to as the Existing Geographic Regions). As a result, HCP's exposure to many of the risks described herein is not mitigated by a greater diversification of geographic focus. Furthermore, due to the concentration of HCP's operations in the Existing Geographic Regions, it may be adversely affected by economic conditions, natural disasters (such as earthquakes or hurricanes), or acts of war or terrorism that disproportionately affect the Existing Geographic Regions as compared to other states and geographic markets.

To expand the operations of its network outside of the Existing Geographic Regions, HCP must devote resources to identifying and exploring such perceived opportunities. Thereafter, HCP must, among other things, recruit and retain qualified personnel, develop new offices, establish potentially new relationships with one or more health plans, and establish new relationships with physicians and other healthcare providers. The ability to establish such new relationships may be significantly inhibited by competition for such relationships and personnel in the health care marketplace in the targeted new geographic regions. Additionally, HCP may face the risk that a substantial portion of the patients served in a new geographic area may be enrolled in a Medicare FFS program and will not desire to transition to a Medicare Advantage program, such as those offered through the health plans that HCP serves, or they may enroll with other health plans with whom HCP does not contract to provide services, which could reduce substantially HCP's perceived opportunity in such geographic area. In addition, if HCP were to seek expansion outside of the Existing Geographic Regions, HCP would be required to comply with laws and regulations of states that may differ from the ones in which it currently operates, and could face competitors with greater knowledge of such local markets. HCP anticipates that any geographic expansion may require it to make a substantial investment of management time, capital, and/or other resources. There can be no assurance that HCP will be able to establish profitable operations or relationships in any new geographic markets.



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**Reductions in the quality ratings of the health plans HCP serves could have an adverse effect on its results of operations, financial condition, and/or cash flow.**

As a result of the Health Reform Acts, HCP anticipates that the level of reimbursement each health plan receives from CMS will be dependent, in part, upon the quality rating of the Medicare plan that such health plan serves. Such ratings are expected to impact the percentage of any cost savings rebate and any bonuses earned by such health plan. Since a significant portion of HCP's revenue is expected to be calculated as a percentage of CMS reimbursements received by these health plans with respect to HCP members, reductions in the quality ratings of a health plan that HCP serves could have an adverse effect on its results of operations, financial condition, and/or cash flows. In addition, CMS has announced its intention to terminate any plan that has a rating of less than three stars for three consecutive years. Medicare Advantage plans with five stars are permitted to conduct enrollment throughout the year and enrollees in plans with 4.5 or fewer stars are permitted to change plans during the year. Currently, HCP does not contract with any five star plans. Given each health plan's control of its plans and the many other providers that serve such plans, HCP believes that it will have limited ability to influence the overall quality rating of any such plan. Accordingly, since low quality ratings can potentially lead to the termination of a plan that HCP serves, HCP may not be able to prevent the potential termination of a contracting plan or a shift of patients to other plans based upon quality issues which could, in turn, have an adverse effect on HCP's results of operations, financial condition, and/or cash flows.

**HCP's records and submissions to a health plan may contain inaccurate or unsupportable information regarding risk adjustment scores of members, which could cause HCP to overstate or understate its revenue and subject it to various penalties.**

HCP, on behalf of itself and its associated physicians, physician groups and IPAs, submits to health plans claims and encounter data that support the risk adjustment factor, or RAF, scores attributable to members. These RAF scores determine, in part, the revenue to which the health plans and, in turn, HCP is entitled for the provision of medical care to such members. The data submitted to CMS by each health plan is based on medical charts and diagnosis codes prepared and submitted by HCP. Each health plan generally relies on HCP to appropriately document and support such RAF data in HCP's medical records. Each health plan also relies on HCP to appropriately code claims for medical services provided to members. HCP may periodically review medical records and may find inaccurate or unsupportable coding or otherwise inaccurate records. Erroneous claims and erroneous encounter records and submissions could result in inaccurate PMPM fee revenue and risk adjustment payments, which may be subject to correction or retroactive adjustment in later periods. This corrected or adjusted information may be reflected in financial statements for periods subsequent to the period in which the revenue was recorded. HCP might also need to refund a portion of the revenue that it received, which refund, depending on its magnitude, could damage its relationship with the applicable health plan and could have a material adverse effect on HCP's results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

CMS audits Medicare Advantage plans for documentation to support RAF-related payments for members chosen at random. The Medicare Advantage plans ask providers to submit the underlying documentation for members that they serve. It is possible that claims associated with members with higher RAF scores could be subject to more scrutiny in a CMS audit. HCP has experienced increases in RAF scores attributable to its members, and thus there is a possibility that a Medicare Advantage plan may seek repayment from HCP as a result of CMS payment adjustments to the Medicare Advantage plan. The plans also may hold HCP liable for any penalties owed to CMS for inaccurate or unsupportable RAF scores provided by HCP.

CMS has indicated that, starting with payment year 2011, payment adjustments will not be limited to RAF scores for the specific Medicare Advantage enrollees for which errors are found but may also be extrapolated to the entire Medicare Advantage plan subject to a particular CMS contract. CMS has described its audit process as plan-year specific and stated that it will not extrapolate audit results for plan years prior to 2011.

CMS has not specifically stated that payment adjustments as a result of one plan year's audit will not be extrapolated to prior plan years. There can be no assurance that a health plan will not be randomly selected or

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targeted for review by CMS or that the outcome of such a review will not result in a material adjustment in HCP's revenue and profitability, even if the information HCP submitted to the plan is accurate and supportable. Since the CMS rules, regulations, and statements regarding this audit program are still not well defined and, in some cases, have not been published in final form, there is also a risk that CMS may adopt new rules and regulations that are inconsistent with their existing rules, regulations, and statements.

### **A failure to accurately estimate incurred but not reported medical expense could adversely affect HCP's profitability.**

Patient care costs include estimates of future medical claims that have been incurred by the patient but for which the provider has not yet billed HCP. These claim estimates are made utilizing actuarial methods and are continually evaluated and adjusted by management, based upon HCP's historical claims experience and other factors, including an independent assessment by a nationally recognized actuarial firm. Adjustments, if necessary, are made to medical claims expense and capitated revenues when the assumptions used to determine HCP's claims liability changes and when actual claim costs are ultimately determined.

Due to the inherent uncertainties associated with the factors used in these estimates and changes in the patterns and rates of medical utilization, materially different amounts could be reported in HCP's financial statements for a particular period under different conditions or using different, but still reasonable, assumptions. It is possible that HCP's estimates of this type of claim may be inadequate in the future. In such event, HCP's results of operations could be adversely impacted. Further, the inability to estimate these claims accurately may also affect HCP's ability to take timely corrective actions, further exacerbating the extent of any adverse effect on HCP's results.

### **HCP faces certain competitive threats which could reduce HCP's profitability and increase competition for patients.**

HCP faces certain competitive threats based on certain features of the Medicare programs, including the following:

As a result of the direct and indirect impacts of the Health Reform Acts, many Medicare beneficiaries may decide that an original FFS Medicare program is more attractive than a Medicare Advantage plan. As a result, enrollment in the health plans HCP serves may decrease.

Managed care companies offer alternative products such as regional preferred provider organizations (PPOs) and private FFS plans. Medicare PPOs and private FFS plans allow their patients more flexibility in selecting physicians than Medicare Advantage health plans, which typically require patients to coordinate care with a primary care physician. The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 has encouraged the creation of regional PPOs through various incentives, including certain risk corridors, or cost reimbursement provisions, a stabilization fund for incentive payments, and special payments to hospitals not otherwise contracted with a Medicare Advantage plan that treat regional plan enrollees. The formation of regional Medicare PPOs and private FFS plans may affect HCP's relative attractiveness to existing and potential Medicare patients in their service areas.

The payments for the local and regional Medicare Advantage plans are based on a competitive bidding process that may indirectly cause a decrease in the amount of the PMPM fee or result in an increase in benefits offered.

The annual enrollment process and subsequent lock-in provisions of the Health Reform Acts may adversely affect HCP's level of revenue growth as it will limit the ability of a health plan to market to and enroll new Medicare beneficiaries in its established service areas outside of the annual enrollment period.

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CMS allows Medicare beneficiaries who are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan with a quality rating of 4.5 stars or less to enroll in a 5-star rated Medicare Advantage plan at any time during the benefit year. None of the plans HCP serves are 5-star rated.

Therefore, HCP may face a competitive disadvantage in recruiting and retaining Medicare beneficiaries.

In addition to the competitive threats intrinsic to the Medicare programs, competition among health plans and among healthcare providers may also have a negative impact on HCP's profitability. For example, HCP's Existing Geographic Regions have become increasingly attractive to health plans that may compete with HCP, including the health plans with which HCP and its associated physicians, physician groups, and IPAs currently compete. HCP may not be able to continue to compete profitably in the healthcare industry if additional competitors enter the same market. If HCP cannot compete profitably, the ability of HCP to compete with other service providers that contract with competing health plans may be substantially impaired. Similarly, HCP's Existing Geographic Regions have also become increasingly attractive to HCP's competitors due to the large populations of Medicare beneficiaries. HCP may not be able to continue to compete effectively if additional competitors enter the same regions.

HCP competes directly with various regional and local companies that provide similar services in HCP's Existing Geographic Regions. HCP's competitors vary in size and scope and in terms of products and services offered. HCP believes that some of its competitors and potential competitors may be significantly larger than HCP and have greater financial, sales, marketing, and other resources. Furthermore, it is HCP's belief that some of its competitors may make strategic acquisitions or establish cooperative relationships among themselves.

**A disruption in HCP's healthcare provider networks could have an adverse effect on HCP's operations and profitability.**

In any particular service area, healthcare providers or provider networks could refuse to contract with HCP, demand higher payments, or take other actions that could result in higher healthcare costs, disruption of benefits to HCP's members, or difficulty in meeting applicable regulatory or accreditation requirements. In some service areas, healthcare providers or provider networks may have significant market positions. If healthcare providers or provider networks refuse to contract with HCP, use their market position to negotiate favorable contracts, or place HCP at a competitive disadvantage, then HCP's ability to market or to be profitable in those service areas could be adversely affected. HCP's provider networks could also be disrupted by the financial insolvency of a large provider group. Any disruption in HCP's provider networks could result in a loss of members or higher healthcare costs.

**HCP's revenues and profits could be diminished if HCP fails to retain and attract the services of key primary care physicians.**

Key primary care physicians with large patient enrollment could retire, become disabled, terminate their provider contracts, get lured away by a competing independent physician association or medical group, or otherwise become unable or unwilling to continue practicing medicine or contracting with HCP or its associated physicians, physician groups, or IPAs. In addition, HCP's associated physicians, physician groups and IPAs could view the business model as unfavorable or unattractive to such providers, which could cause such associated physicians, physician groups or IPAs to terminate their relationships with HCP. Moreover, given limitations relating to the enforcement of post-termination noncompetition covenants in California, it would be difficult to restrict a primary care physician from competing with HCP's associated physicians, physician groups, or IPAs. As a result, members who have been served by such physicians could choose to enroll with competitors' physician organizations or could seek medical care elsewhere, which could reduce HCP's revenues and profits. Moreover, HCP may not be able to attract new physicians to replace the services of terminating physicians or to service its growing membership.

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**Participation in Accountable Care Organization programs is new and subject to federal regulation, supervision, and evolving regulatory developments and may result in financial liability.**

The Health Reform Acts establish Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) for ACOs, which took effect in January 2012. Under the MSSP, eligible organizations are accountable for the quality, cost and overall care of Medicare beneficiaries assigned to an ACO and may be eligible to share in any savings below a specified benchmark amount. The Secretary of HHS is also authorized, but not required, to use capitation payment models with ACOs. HCP is evaluating ACOs in which it might participate through one or more of its subsidiaries and expects to participate in one or more ACOs in the future. The continued development and expansion of ACOs will have an uncertain impact on HCP's revenue and profitability.

The ACO programs are new and therefore operational and regulatory guidance is limited. It is possible that the operations of HCP's subsidiary ACOs may not fully comply with current or future regulations and guidelines applicable to ACOs, may not achieve quality targets or cost savings, or may not attract or retain sufficient physicians or patients to allow HCP to meet its objectives. Additionally, poor performance could put the HCP ACOs at financial risk with a potential obligation to CMS. Traditionally, other than FFS billing by the medical clinics and healthcare facilities operated by HCP, HCP has not directly contracted with CMS and has not operated any health plans or provider sponsored networks. Therefore, HCP may not have the necessary experience, systems, or compliance to successfully achieve a positive return on its investment in the ACOs or to avoid financial or regulatory liability. To date, demonstration projects using healthcare delivery models substantially similar to an ACO have not resulted in savings. HCP believes that its historical experience with fully delegated managed care will be applicable to operation of its subsidiary ACOs, but there can be no such assurance.

**California hospitals may terminate their agreements with HCPAMG or reduce the fees they pay to HCP.**

In California, HCPAMG maintains significant hospital arrangements designed to facilitate the provision of coordinated hospital care with those services provided to members by HCPAMG and its associated physicians, physician groups, and IPAs. Through contractual arrangements with certain key hospitals, HCPAMG provides utilization review, quality assurance, and other management services related to the provision of patient care services to members by the contracted hospitals and downstream hospital contractors. In the event that any one of these key hospital agreements is amended in a financially unfavorable manner or is otherwise terminated, such events could have a material adverse effect on HCP's financial condition, and results of operations.

**HCP's professional liability and other insurance coverage may not be adequate to cover HCP's potential liabilities.**

HCP maintains primary professional liability insurance and other insurance coverage through California Medical Group Insurance Company, Risk Retention Group, an Arizona corporation in which HCP is a majority owner, and through excess coverage contracted through third-party insurers. HCP believes such insurance is adequate based on its review of what it believes to be all applicable factors, including industry standards. Nonetheless, potential liabilities may not be covered by insurance, insurers may dispute coverage or may be unable to meet their obligations, the amount of insurance coverage and/or related reserves may be inadequate, or the amount of any HCP self-insured retention may be substantial. There can be no assurances that HCP will be able to obtain insurance coverage in the future, or that insurance will continue to be available on a cost-effective basis, if at all. Moreover, even if claims brought against HCP are unsuccessful or without merit, HCP would have to defend itself against such claims. The defense of any such actions may be time-consuming and costly and may distract HCP management's attention. As a result, HCP may incur significant expenses and may be unable to effectively operate its business.

**Changes in the rates or methods of third-party reimbursements may adversely affect HCP operations.**

Any negative changes in governmental capitation or FFS rates or methods of reimbursement for the services HCP provides could have a significant adverse impact on HCP's revenue and financial results. Since governmental

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healthcare programs generally reimburse on a fee schedule basis rather than on a charge-related basis, HCP generally cannot increase its revenues from these programs by increasing the amount it charges for its services. Moreover, if HCP's costs increase, HCP may not be able to recover its increased costs from these programs. Government and private payors have taken and may continue to take steps to control the cost, eligibility for, use, and delivery of healthcare services due to budgetary constraints, and cost containment pressures as well as other financial issues. HCP believes that these trends in cost containment will continue. These cost containment measures, and other market changes in non-governmental insurance plans have generally restricted HCP's ability to recover, or shift to non-governmental payors, any increased costs that HCP experiences. HCP's business and financial operations may be materially affected by these cost containment measures, and other market changes.

**HCP's business model depends on numerous complex management information systems and any failure to successfully maintain these systems or implement new systems could materially harm HCP's operations and result in potential violations of healthcare laws and regulations.**

HCP depends on a complex, specialized, and integrated management information system and standardized procedures for operational and financial information, as well as for HCP's billing operations. HCP may experience unanticipated delays, complications, or expenses in implementing, integrating, and operating these integrated systems. Moreover, HCP may be unable to enhance its existing management information system or implement new management information systems where necessary. HCP's management information system may require modifications, improvements, or replacements that may require both substantial expenditures as well as interruptions in operations. HCP's ability to implement and operate its integrated systems is subject to the availability of information technology and skilled personnel to assist HCP in creating and maintaining these systems.

HCP's failure to successfully implement and maintain all of its systems could have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition, and results of operations. For example, HCP's failure to successfully operate its billing systems could lead to potential violations of healthcare laws and regulations. If HCP is unable to handle its claims volume, or if HCP is unable to pay claims timely, HCP may become subject to a health plan's corrective action plan or de-delegation until the problem is corrected, and/or termination of the health plan's agreement with HCP. This could have a material adverse effect on HCP's operations and profitability. In addition, if HCP's claims processing system is unable to process claims accurately, the data HCP uses for its incurred but not received (IBNR) estimates could be incomplete and HCP's ability to accurately estimate claims liabilities and establish adequate reserves could be adversely affected. Finally, if HCP's management information systems are unable to function in compliance with applicable state or federal rules and regulations, including, without limitation, medical information confidentiality laws such as HIPAA, possible penalties and fines due to this lack of compliance could have a material adverse effect on HCP's financial condition, and results of operations.

**Federal and state privacy and information security laws are complex and HCP may be subject to government or private actions due to privacy and security breaches.**

HCP must comply with numerous federal and state laws and regulations governing the collection, dissemination, access, use, security and privacy of protected health information (PHI), including HIPAA and its implementing privacy and security regulations, as amended by the federal HITECH Act and collectively referred to as HIPAA. In the event that HCP's non-compliance with existing or new laws and regulations related to PHI results in privacy or security breaches, HCP could be subject to monetary fines, civil suits, civil penalties or criminal sanctions and requirements to disclose the breach publicly.

**HCP may be impacted by eligibility changes to government and private insurance programs.**

Due to potential decreased availability of healthcare through private employers, the number of patients who are uninsured or participate in governmental programs may increase. The Health Reform Acts will increase the

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participation of individuals in the Medicaid program in states that elect to participate in the expanded Medicaid coverage. A shift in payor mix from managed care and other private payors to government payors as well as an increase in the number of uninsured patients may result in a reduction in the rates of reimbursement to HCP or an increase in uncollectible receivables or uncompensated care, with a corresponding decrease in net revenue. Changes in the eligibility requirements for governmental programs such as the Medicaid program under the Health Reform Acts and state decisions on whether to participate in the expansion of such programs also could increase the number of patients who participate in such programs and the number of uninsured patients. Even for those patients who remain in private insurance plans, changes to those plans could increase patient financial responsibility, resulting in a greater risk of uncollectible receivables. These factors and events could have a material adverse effect on HCP's business, financial condition, and results of operations.

### **Negative publicity regarding the managed healthcare industry generally or HCP in particular could adversely affect HCP's results of operations or business.**

Negative publicity regarding the managed healthcare industry generally, the Medicare Advantage program or HCP in particular, may result in increased regulation and legislative review of industry practices that further increase HCP's costs of doing business and adversely affect HCP's results of operations or business by:

requiring HCP to change its products and services;

increasing the regulatory, including compliance, burdens under which HCP operates, which, in turn, may negatively impact the manner in which HCP provides services and increase HCP's costs of providing services;

adversely affecting HCP's ability to market its products or services through the imposition of further regulatory restrictions regarding the manner in which plans and providers market to Medicare Advantage enrollees; or

adversely affecting HCP's ability to attract and retain members.

### **Risk factors related to our overall business and ownership of our common stock:**

#### **Disruptions in federal government operations and funding create uncertainty in our industry and could have a material adverse effect on our revenues, earnings and cash flows and otherwise adversely affect our financial condition.**

A substantial portion of our revenues is dependent on federal healthcare program reimbursement, and any disruptions in federal government operations could have a material adverse effect on our revenues, earnings and cash flows. Although the government passed a budget for fiscal year 2014, there is no guarantee that the U.S. government will be able to pass the federal budget for subsequent fiscal years. In addition, if the U.S. government defaults on its debt, there could be broad macroeconomic effects that could raise our cost of borrowing funds, and delay or prevent our future growth and expansion. Any future federal government shutdown, U.S. government default on its debt and/or failure of the U.S. government to enact annual appropriations for fiscal year 2014 could have a material adverse effect on our revenues, earnings and cash flows. Additionally, disruptions in federal government operations may negatively impact regulatory approvals and guidance that are important to our operations, and create uncertainty about the pace of upcoming health care regulatory developments.

#### **Changes in CMS diagnosis and inpatient procedure coding require us to make modifications to processes and information systems, which could result in significant development costs and which if unsuccessful could adversely affect our revenues, earnings and cash flows.**

CMS has mandated the use of new patient codes for reporting medical diagnosis and inpatient procedures, referred to as ICD-10. CMS is requiring all providers, payors, clearinghouses, and billing services to utilize ICD-10 when submitting claims for payment. ICD-10 will affect diagnosis and inpatient procedure coding for

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everyone covered by HIPAA, not just those who submit Medicare or Medicaid claims. Claims for services provided on or after the date that CMS sets must use ICD-10 for medical diagnosis and inpatient procedures or they will not be paid. In a bill passed on March 31, 2014, Congress voted to delay the ICD-10 implementation deadline until no earlier than October 1, 2015. Although CMS is expected to delay the deadline only until October 1, 2015, it has the authority to delay implementation even further. Uncertainty about when ICD-10 will be mandated could lead to additional costs of running ICD-9 and ICD-10 systems, which could negatively impact our revenues, earnings and cash flows.

We anticipate that if our services, processes or information systems or those of our payors do not comply with ICD-10 requirements at any future date, it could potentially delay or even reduce reimbursement payments to us. These delays or reductions could negatively impact our revenues, earnings and cash flows.

**We may engage in acquisitions, mergers or dispositions, which may affect our results of operations, debt-to-capital ratio, capital expenditures or other aspects of our business, and if businesses we acquire have liabilities we are not aware of, we could suffer severe consequences that would materially and adversely affect our business.**

Our business strategy includes growth through acquisitions of dialysis centers and other businesses. We may engage in acquisitions, mergers or dispositions, which may affect our results of operations, debt-to-capital ratio, capital expenditures, or other aspects of our business. There can be no assurance that we will be able to identify suitable acquisition targets or merger partners or that, if identified, we will be able to acquire these targets on acceptable terms or agree to terms with merger partners. There can also be no assurance that we will be successful in completing any acquisitions, mergers or dispositions that we announce, or integrating any acquired business into our overall operations. There is no guarantee that we will be able to operate acquired businesses successfully as stand-alone businesses, or that any such acquired business will operate profitably or will not otherwise adversely impact our results of operations. Further, we cannot be certain that key talented individuals at the business being acquired will continue to work for us after the acquisition or that they will be able to continue to successfully manage or have adequate resources to successfully operate any acquired business.

Businesses we acquire may have unknown or contingent liabilities or liabilities that are in excess of the amounts that we originally estimated, and may have other issues, including those related to internal controls over financial reporting or issues that could affect our ability to comply with healthcare laws and regulations and other laws applicable to our expanded business. As a result, we cannot make any assurances that the acquisitions we consummate will be successful. Although we generally seek indemnification from the sellers of businesses we acquire for matters that are not properly disclosed to us, we are not always successful. In addition, even in cases where we are able to obtain indemnification, we may discover liabilities greater than the contractual limits, the amounts held in escrow for our benefit (if any), or the financial resources of the indemnifying party. In the event that we are responsible for liabilities substantially in excess of any amounts recovered through rights to indemnification or alternative remedies that might be available to us, or any applicable insurance, we could suffer severe consequences that would substantially reduce our earnings and cash flows or otherwise materially and adversely affect our business.

**If we are not able to continue to make acquisitions, or maintain an acceptable level of non-acquired growth, or if we face significant patient attrition to our competitors or a reduction in the number of our medical directors or associated physicians, it could adversely affect our business.**

Acquisitions, patient retention and medical director and physician retention are an important part of our growth strategy. We face intense competition from other companies for acquisition targets. In our U.S. dialysis business, we continue to face increased competition from large and medium-sized providers which compete directly with us for acquisition targets as well as for individual patients and medical directors. In addition, as we continue our international dialysis expansion into various international markets, we will face competition from large and medium-sized providers for these acquisition targets as well. Because of the ease of entry into the

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dialysis business and the ability of physicians to be medical directors for their own centers, competition for growth in existing and expanding markets is not limited to large competitors with substantial financial resources. Occasionally, we have experienced competition from former medical directors or referring physicians who have opened their own dialysis centers. In addition, Fresenius, our largest competitor, manufactures a full line of dialysis supplies and equipment in addition to owning and operating dialysis centers. This may give it cost advantages over us because of its ability to manufacture its own products. If we are not able to continue to make acquisitions, continue to maintain acceptable levels of non-acquired growth, or if we face significant patient attrition to our competitors or a reduction in the number of our medical directors or associated physicians, it could adversely affect our business.

### **HCP operates in a different line of business from our historical business. We may face challenges managing HCP as a new business and may not realize anticipated benefits.**

As a result of the HCP transaction, we are now significantly engaged in a new line of business. We may not have the expertise, experience, and resources to pursue all of our businesses at once, and we may be unable to successfully operate all businesses in the combined Company. The administration of HCP will require implementation of appropriate operations, management, and financial reporting systems and controls. We may experience difficulties in effectively implementing these and other systems. The management of HCP will require the focused attention of our management team, including a significant commitment of its time and resources. The need for management to focus on these matters could have a material and adverse impact on our revenues and operating results. If the HCP operations are less profitable than we currently anticipate or we do not have the experience, the appropriate expertise, or the resources to pursue all businesses in the combined company, the results of operations and financial condition may be materially and adversely affected.

### **If we fail to successfully maintain an effective internal control over financial reporting or if the internal control of HCP over financial reporting were found to be ineffective, the integrity of our, and/or HCP's, financial reporting could be compromised which could result in a material adverse effect on our reported financial results.**

The integration of HCP into our internal control over financial reporting has required and will continue to require significant time and resources from our management and other personnel and will increase our compliance costs. Failure to maintain an effective internal control environment could have a material adverse effect on our ability to accurately report our financial results and the market's perception of our business and our stock price.

### **The market price of our common stock may be affected by factors different from those affecting the shares of our common stock prior to consummation of the HCP transaction.**

Our historical business differs substantially from that of HCP. Accordingly, the results of operations of the combined company and the market price of our common stock may be affected by factors different from those that previously affected the independent results of operations of each of the Company and HCP.

### **Expansion of our operations to and offering our services in markets outside of the U.S. subjects us to political, economical, legal, operational and other risks that could adversely affect our business, results of operations and cash flows.**

We are continuing an expansion of our operations by offering our services outside of the U.S., which increases our exposure to the inherent risks of doing business in international markets. Depending on the market, these risks include, without limitation, those relating to:

changes in the local economic environment;

political instability, armed conflicts or terrorism;



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social changes;

intellectual property legal protections and remedies;

trade regulations;

procedures and actions affecting approval, production, pricing, reimbursement and marketing of products and services;

foreign currency;

repatriating or moving to other countries cash generated or held abroad, including considerations relating to tax-efficiencies and changes in tax laws;

export controls;

lack of reliable legal systems which may affect our ability to enforce contractual rights;

changes in local laws or regulations;

potentially longer ramp-up times for starting up new operations and for payment and collection cycles;

financial and operational, and information technology systems integration; and

failure to comply with U.S. or local laws that prohibit us or our intermediaries from making improper payments to foreign officials for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business.

Additionally, some factors that will be critical to the success of our international business and operations will be different than those affecting our domestic business and operations. For example, conducting international operations requires us to devote significant management resources to implement our controls and systems in new markets, to comply with local laws and regulations and to overcome the numerous new challenges inherent in managing international operations, including those based on differing languages, cultures and regulatory environments, and those related to the timely hiring, integration and retention of a sufficient number of skilled personnel to carry out operations in an environment with which we are not familiar.

We anticipate expanding our international operations through acquisitions of varying sizes or through organic growth, which could increase these risks. Additionally, though we might invest material amounts of capital and incur significant costs in connection with the growth and development of our international operations, there is no assurance that we will be able to operate them profitably anytime soon, if at all. As a result, we would expect these costs to be dilutive to our earnings over the next several years as we start-up or acquire new operations.

These risks could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

**The level of our current and future debt could have an adverse impact on our business and our ability to generate cash to service our indebtedness depends on many factors beyond our control.**

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We have substantial debt outstanding, we incurred a substantial amount of additional debt in connection with the HCP transaction and we may incur additional indebtedness in the future. The high level of our indebtedness, among other things, could:

make it difficult for us to make payments on our debt securities;

increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;

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

limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the markets in which we operate;

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expose us to interest rate volatility that could adversely affect our earnings and cash flow and our ability to service our indebtedness;

place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less debt; and

limit our ability to borrow additional funds.

Our ability to make payments on our indebtedness and to fund planned capital expenditures and expansion efforts, including any strategic acquisitions we may make in the future, will depend on our ability to generate cash. This, to a certain extent, is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, regulatory and other factors that are beyond our control.

We cannot provide assurance that our business will generate sufficient cash flow from operations in the future or that future borrowings will be available to us in an amount sufficient to enable us to service our indebtedness or to fund other liquidity needs. If we are unable to generate sufficient funds to service our outstanding indebtedness, 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 existing financing terms or that such restructuring activities, sales of assets, or issuances of equity can be accomplished or, if accomplished, would raise sufficient funds to meet these obligations.

The borrowings under our Senior Secured Credit Facilities are guaranteed by a substantial portion of our direct and indirect wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries and are secured by a substantial portion of DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.'s and its subsidiaries' assets.

### **We may be subject to liability claims for damages and other expenses not covered by insurance that could reduce our earnings and cash flows.**

Our operations and how we manage the Company may subject the Company, as well as its officers and directors to whom the Company owes certain defense and indemnity obligations, to litigation and liability for damages. Our business, profitability and growth prospects could suffer if we face negative publicity or we pay damages or defense costs in connection with a claim that is outside the scope or limits of coverage of any applicable insurance coverage, including claims related to adverse patient events, contractual disputes, professional and general liability, and directors' and officers' duties. In addition, we have received several notices of claims from commercial payors and other third parties related to our historical billing practices and the historical billing practices of the centers acquired from Gambro Healthcare and other matters related to their settlement agreement with the Department of Justice. Although the ultimate outcome of these claims cannot be predicted, an adverse result with respect to one or more of these claims could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows. We currently maintain insurance coverage for those risks we deem are appropriate to insure against and make determinations about whether to self-insure as to other risks or layers of coverage. However, a successful claim, including a professional liability, malpractice or negligence claim which is in excess of any applicable insurance coverage, or that is subject to our self-insurance retentions, could have a material adverse effect on our earnings and cash flows.

In addition, if our costs of insurance and claims increase, then our earnings could decline. Market rates for insurance premiums and deductibles have been steadily increasing. Our earnings and cash flows could be materially and adversely affected by any of the following:

the collapse or insolvency of our insurance carriers;

further increases in premiums and deductibles;

increases in the number of liability claims against us or the cost of settling or trying cases related to those claims; or

an inability to obtain one or more types of insurance on acceptable terms, if at all.



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Our charter documents include provisions that may deter hostile takeovers, delay or prevent changes of control or changes in our management, or limit the ability of our stockholders to approve transactions that they may otherwise determine to be in their best interests. These include provisions prohibiting our stockholders from acting by written consent; requiring 90 days advance notice of stockholder proposals or nominations to our Board of Directors; and granting our Board of Directors the authority to issue preferred stock and to determine the rights and preferences of the preferred stock without the need for further stockholder approval.

Most of our outstanding employee stock-based compensation awards include a provision accelerating the vesting of the awards in the event of a change of control. We also maintain a change of control protection program for our employees who do not have a significant number of stock awards, which has been in place since 2001, and which provides for cash bonuses to the employees in the event of a change of control. Based on the market price of our common stock and shares outstanding on March 31, 2014, these cash bonuses would total approximately \$582 million if a change of control transaction occurred at that price and our Board of Directors did not modify this program. These change of control provisions may affect the price an acquirer would be willing to pay for our Company.

We are also subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law that, subject to exceptions, would prohibit us from engaging in any business combinations with any interested stockholder, as defined in that section, for a period of three years following the date on which that stockholder became an interested stockholder.

These provisions may discourage, delay or prevent an acquisition of our Company at a price that our stockholders may find attractive. These provisions could also make it more difficult for our stockholders to elect directors and take other corporate actions and could limit the price that investors might be willing to pay for shares of our common stock.

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds****(c) Stock repurchases**

The following table summarizes the Company's repurchases of its common stock during the first quarter of 2014:

Period	Total number of shares purchased	Average price paid per share	Total number of shares purchased as part of publicly announced plans or programs	Approximate dollar value of shares that may yet be purchased under the plans or programs (in millions)
January 1-31, 2014		\$		\$ 358.2
February 1-28, 2014				358.2
March 1-31, 2014				358.2
Total		\$		

In November 2010, our Board of Directors authorized repurchases of our common stock in an aggregate amount of up to \$800 million. This stock repurchase program has no expiration date. We are authorized to make purchases from time to time in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, depending upon market conditions and other considerations. However, we are subject to share repurchase limitations under the terms of the Senior Secured Credit Facilities and the indentures governing our senior notes.

**Items 3, 4 and 5 are not applicable**

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**Item 6. Exhibits**

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ü Filed herewith.

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**SIGNATURE**

**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 thereunto duly authorized.**

DAVITA HEALTHCARE PARTNERS INC.

BY:                    /s/ JAMES K. HILGER  
   **James K. Hilger**

**Chief Accounting Officer\***

Date: May 2, 2014

\* Mr. Hilger has signed both on behalf of the Registrant as a duly authorized officer and as the Registrant's principal accounting officer.

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