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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FORM S-4 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ALLIANCE HEALTHCARE SERVICES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) 8071 (Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number) 100 Bayview Circle, Suite 400 33-0239910 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: As soon as practicable after the effective date of this registration statement.

If the securities being registered on this Form are being offered in connection with the formation of a holding company and there is compliance with General Instruction G, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration number of the earlier effective registration number for the same offering.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated files, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer " Accelerated filer x

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

The Registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act or until this registration statement shall become effective on such date as the SEC, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not exchange these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities, and we are not soliciting offers to buy these securities, in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JUNE 30, 2010

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS

ALLIANCE HEALTHCARE SERVICES, INC.

OFFER TO EXCHANGE

\$190,000,000 principal amount of its

8.00% Series B Senior Notes due 2016

which have been registered under the Securities Act,

for any and all of its outstanding 8.00% Senior Notes due 2016

The exchange offer expires at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on , 2010, unless extended.

We will exchange all outstanding notes that are validly tendered and not validly withdrawn for an equal principal amount of a new series of notes which are registered under the Securities Act.

The exchange offer is not subject to any conditions other than that it not violate applicable law or any applicable interpretation of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

You may withdraw tenders of outstanding notes at any time before the exchange offer expires.

The exchange of notes will not be a taxable event for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

We will not receive any proceeds from the exchange offer.

The terms of the new series of notes are substantially identical to the outstanding notes, except for transfer restrictions and registration rights relating to the outstanding notes.

You may tender outstanding notes only in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Our affiliates may not participate in the exchange offer.

Each broker-dealer that receives new notes for its own account pursuant to the exchange offer must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such new notes. The letter of transmittal delivered with this prospectus states that by so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. This prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of new notes received in exchange for outstanding notes where such outstanding notes were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities.

Please refer to <u>Risk Factors</u> beginning on page 10 of this prospectus for a description of the risks you should consider when evaluating this offer to exchange.

We are not making this exchange offer in any state where it is not permitted.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these notes or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is , 2010.

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We have not authorized any dealer, salesperson or other people to give any information or to make any representations to you other than the information contained in this prospectus. You must not rely on any information or representations not contained in this prospectus unless we authorize it. This prospectus does not offer to sell or solicit an offer to buy any securities other than the registered notes to which it relates, nor does it offer to buy any of these notes in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction.

The information contained in this prospectus is current only as of the date on the cover page of this prospectus, and may change after that date.

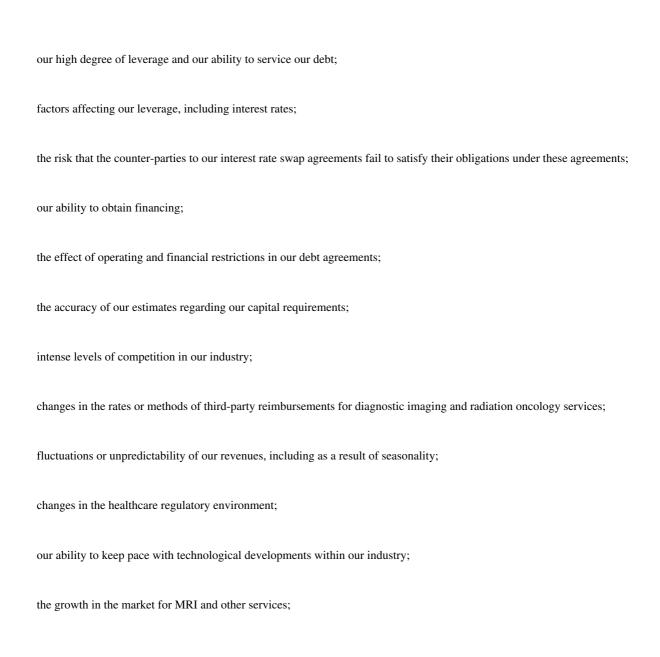
This prospectus incorporates important business and financial information about us that is not included in or delivered with this prospectus. This information is available without charge to you upon written or oral request. If you would like a copy of any of this information, please submit your request to Alliance HealthCare Services, Inc., 100 Bayview Circle, Suite 400, Newport Beach, California 92660, Attention: Investor Relations, or call (949) 242-5300 and ask to speak to Investor Relations. In addition, to obtain timely delivery of any information you request, you must submit your request no later than , 2010, which is five business days before the date the exchange offer expires.

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CAUTIONARY DISCLOSURE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We have made statements under the captions Prospectus Summary, Risk Factors, Use of Proceeds, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, Business and elsewhere in this prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference herein that are forward-looking statements, within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 do not apply to statements made in connection with this offer to exchange these outstanding notes pursuant to this prospectus. In some cases you can identify these statements by forward-looking words such as may, will, should, expect, plans, anticipate, believe, estimate, predict, seek, intend and continue or similar words. Forward-looking statements address, among other things, our future expectations, projections of our future results of operations or of our financial condition and other forward-looking information.

We believe it is important to communicate our expectations to our investors. However, there may be events in the future that we are not able to accurately predict or that we do not fully control that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements, including:



the disruptive effect of hurricanes and other natural disasters;

adverse changes in general domestic and worldwide economic conditions and instability and disruption of credit markets;

our ability to successfully integrate acquisitions; and

other factors discussed under Risk Factors.

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MARKET AND INDUSTRY DATA

This prospectus contains and incorporates statistical data that we obtained from public industry publications. These publications generally indicate that they have obtained their information from sources believed to be reliable, but do not guarantee the accuracy and completeness of their information. Although we believe that the publications are reliable, we have not independently verified market industry data provided by third parties. Similarly, while we believe our management s estimates with respect to our industry are reliable, our estimates have not been verified by any independent sources, and we cannot assure you that they are accurate.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

In this prospectus, unless we indicate otherwise, the words we, us, our, Alliance and the Company refer to Alliance HealthCare Services, In the issuer of the notes, and its subsidiaries. The following summary contains basic information about the Company and this offering. You should read this entire prospectus, including our financial statements, the notes to those financial statements and the other financial information included and incorporated by reference in this prospectus, carefully before making an investment decision. It likely does not contain all the information that is important to you. For a more complete understanding of this offering, we encourage you to read this entire document and the documents we have referred you to. Our fiscal year ends on December 31 of each year.

We will refer to the offering of the private notes as the private offering. Unless indicated otherwise, the term notes refers to both the private notes and the exchange notes.

Our Company

We are a leading national provider of outpatient diagnostic imaging services, based upon annual revenue and number of diagnostic imaging systems deployed, and a provider of radiation oncology services. Our principal sources of revenue are derived from magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and positron emission tomography/computed tomography (PET/CT). We provide imaging and therapeutic services primarily to hospitals and other healthcare providers on a shared-service and full-time service basis. We also provide services through a growing number of fixed-site imaging centers, primarily to hospitals or health systems. Our services normally include the use of our imaging systems, technologists to operate the systems, equipment maintenance and upgrades and management of day-to-day shared-service and fixed-site diagnostic imaging operations. We also provide non-scan-based services, which include only the use of our imaging systems under a short-term contract.

We have also leveraged our leadership in MRI and PET/CT to expand into radiation oncology. Our radiation oncology business includes a wide range of services for cancer patients covering initial consultation, preparation for treatment, simulation of treatment, radiation oncology delivery, therapy management and follow-up care. Our services include the use of our linear accelerators, therapists to operate such systems, administrative staff, equipment maintenance and upgrades, and management of day-to-day operations.

For the quarter ended March 31, 2010, MRI, PET/CT and radiation oncology services generated 45%, 41% and 9% of our revenue, respectively. The remaining revenue was comprised of other modality diagnostic imaging services revenue, primarily computed tomography (CT), and management contract revenue. At March 31, 2010, our 507 diagnostic imaging and radiation oncology systems included 297 MRI systems and 125 PET or PET/CT systems, and served over 1,000 clients in 45 states. We operated 119 fixed-site imaging centers (three in unconsolidated joint ventures), which constitutes systems installed in hospitals or other medical buildings on hospital campuses, including modular buildings, systems installed inside medical groups—offices, and free-standing fixed-site imaging centers, which include systems installed in a medical office building, ambulatory surgical center, or other retail space. We also operated 25 radiation oncology centers and stereotactic radiosurgery facilities (including two radiation oncology centers in unconsolidated joint ventures) as of March 31, 2010.

Approximately 81% of our revenues for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 were generated by providing services to hospitals and other healthcare providers, which we refer to as wholesale revenues. Our wholesale revenues are due to us independent of our clients—receipt of reimbursement from third-party payors. For shared-service customers, we typically deliver our services for a set number of days per week through exclusive, long-term contracts with hospitals and other healthcare providers. The initial terms of these contracts average approximately three years in length and many contain automatic renewal provisions. The initial terms of our contracts for our fixed-site imaging centers average approximately five to 10 years in length. Our contracts for radiation oncology services average approximately 10 to 20 years in length.

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Our clients, primarily small-to-mid-sized hospitals, contract with us to provide diagnostic imaging and radiation oncology systems and services in order to:

take advantage of our extensive diagnostic imaging, radiation oncology and project management experience;

avoid capital investment and financial risk associated with the purchase of their own systems;

provide access to MRI, PET/CT, radiation oncology and other services for their patients when the demand for these services does not justify the purchase of dedicated, full-time systems;

benefit from upgraded systems and technology without direct capital expenditures;

eliminate the need to recruit, train and manage qualified technologists, therapists and oncologists;

make use of our ancillary services; and

gain access to services under our regulatory and licensing approvals when they do not have these approvals.

Our Competitive Strengths

We believe we benefit from the following competitive strengths:

Our position as a leading national provider of shared-service and fixed-site MRI and PET/CT services, based on annual revenue and number of diagnostic imaging systems deployed. As of March 31, 2010, we had 297 MRI systems, 125 PET or PET/CT systems, and 49 other diagnostic imaging systems in operation. Our size allows us to achieve operating, sourcing and administrative efficiencies, including (i) the ability to maximize utilization through efficient deployment of our mobile systems and (ii) equipment and medical supply sourcing savings and favorable maintenance contracts from equipment manufacturers and other suppliers;

Our ability to expand into radiation oncology using our leading national position in MRI and PET/CT services. We have relationships with more than 1,000 hospitals and healthcare providers in 45 states throughout the nation. This national footprint has enabled us to leverage our position as a trusted partner to healthcare providers to expand our services beyond diagnostic imaging and into radiation oncology, transforming us into a more complete outsourced service provider to our clients;

Our ability to provide comprehensive diagnostic and treatment solutions. We offer our clients a comprehensive diagnostic imaging and radiation oncology solution, as well as ancillary services, such as marketing support, education, training and billing assistance. In many cases, we provide services under our regulatory and licensing approvals for clients who lack such authority. We believe that a comprehensive service solution is an important factor when potential clients select a diagnostic imaging or radiation oncology provider;

Our exclusive, long-term contracts with a diverse client base. We primarily generate revenues from exclusive, long-term contracts with hospitals and other healthcare providers. These contracts average approximately three years in length for mobile services,

approximately five to 10 years in length for fixed-site arrangements and approximately 10 to 20 years in length for radiation oncology contracts. During the quarter ended March 31, 2010, no single client accounted for more than 2% of our revenue;

Our reduced reimbursement risk. For the quarter ended March 31, 2010, we generated approximately 81% of our revenues by billing hospitals and other healthcare providers, which we refer to as wholesale revenues, rather than billing patients or other third-party payors. These payments are due to us regardless of the clients—receipt of payment from patients or reimbursement from third-party payors (including commercial payors, Medicare and Medicaid). Importantly, this contrasts with the vast

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majority of the diagnostic imaging and radiation oncology providers, who typically collect directly from patients and third-party payors and are therefore directly exposed to reimbursement cuts and higher experiences of bad debt. With our wholesale model, our exposure to patient bad debt is minimized, as evidenced by our bad debt expense of only 0.5% of revenues for the year ended December 31, 2009. Further, short-term exposure to Medicare reimbursement cuts is limited as approximately 4% of our imaging revenues came from Medicare for the year ended December 31, 2009;

Our generation of stable and significant cash flows and maintenance of attractive margins over a sustained period of time. We attribute our strong cash flows and margins to: (1) comprehensive imaging and treatment solutions, (2) the substantial value proposition for customers, (3) the strength of our customer relationships, (4) the largely wholesale nature of the our revenues and (5) our economies of scale;

Our management experience. Our experienced management team, including our four senior executive officers who average approximately 20 years of industry experience; and

Our advanced MRI, PET/CT and radiation therapy systems. Our technologically advanced imaging systems can perform high quality scans more rapidly and can be used for a wider variety of imaging applications than less advanced systems. Moreover, technological change in this field is gradual and most of our systems can be upgraded with software and hardware enhancements, which should allow us to continue to provide advanced technology without replacing the entire system. Our radiation oncology services utilize the most advanced radiation oncology technology, including image guided radiation therapy (IGRT), intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) and stereotactic radiosurgery systems.

Despite the competitive strengths discussed above, we face a number of challenges in growing our business. We currently have a substantial amount of indebtedness, which places financial and other limitations on our business. Our business is also subject to a number of other risks described in Risk Factors.

Our Services	
We provide our outsourcing services on the following bases:	
shared service;	
full-time service; and	
interim and rental services. Our Strategy	
Key components of our strategy include:	
further expanding our presence in growth markets with fixed-site imaging and radiation oncology services;	
improvement of our sales management and sales support infrastructure to improve the pace of new business;	
improved operating efficiency, including reducing our cost structure and improving asset allocation;	

focus on patient care and customer service; and

bolster our market positions through strategic acquisitions and de novo expansion activity.

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Our Sponsors

On April 16, 2007, OCM Principal Opportunities Fund IV, L.P., MTS Health Investors II, L.P., and affiliated funds (together, the Oaktree Parties), acquired approximately 49.7% of our outstanding shares of common stock from a fund controlled by an affiliate of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co., L.P. (KKR). KKR no longer owns any shares of the Company. OCM Principal Opportunities Fund IV, L.P. is a commingled investment fund managed by Oaktree Capital Management, L.P. (Oaktree), a leading alternative asset manager that manages in excess of \$67 billion in capital on behalf of institutional and high net worth investors in non-mainstream and alternative investment strategies, including high yield bonds, convertible securities, distressed debt, private equity, mezzanine, real estate, emerging market equities and Japanese equities. Oaktree is headquartered in Los Angeles, California and maintains offices in Beijing, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, London, New York, Paris, Seoul, Shanghai, Singapore, Stamford (Connecticut), Tokyo and, through fund affiliates, Amsterdam and Luxembourg.

MTS Health Investors, LLC (MTS), located in New York, New York, is a healthcare private equity firm that makes equity investments in the buyout, recapitalization or growth financing of healthcare operating companies. MTS focuses on businesses that operate in services sectors of the healthcare industry-managed care/health insurance, providers of healthcare services, distributors of medical products and pharmaceuticals, manufacturers of medical products and low-technology devices and providers of outsourced services to the healthcare industry.

We are a Delaware corporation with our principal executive offices located at 100 Bayview Circle, Suite 400, Newport Beach, California 92660. Our telephone number at that location is (949) 242-5300. Our website is located at www.alliancehealthcareservices-us.com. The information contained on our website is not a part of this prospectus.

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The Exchange Offer

The Exchange Offer

We are offering to exchange the exchange notes for the outstanding private notes that are properly tendered and accepted. You may tender outstanding private notes only in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. We will issue the exchange notes on or promptly after the exchange offer expires. As of the date of this prospectus, \$190,000,000 aggregate principal amount of private notes are outstanding.

Expiration Date

The exchange offer will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on , 2010, (the 21st business day following commencement of the exchange offer) unless extended, in which case the expiration date will mean the latest date and time to which we extend the exchange offer.

Conditions to the Exchange Offer

The exchange offer is not subject to any condition other than that it not violate applicable law or any applicable interpretation of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). The exchange offer is not conditioned upon any minimum principal amount of private notes being tendered for exchange.

Procedures for Tendering Private Notes

If you wish to tender your private notes for exchange notes pursuant to the exchange offer, you must complete and sign a letter of transmittal in accordance with the instructions contained in the letter and forward it by mail, facsimile or hand delivery, together with any other documents required by the letter of transmittal, to the Exchange Agent (as defined below), either with the private notes to be tendered or in compliance with the specified procedures for guaranteed delivery of notes. Certain brokers, dealers, commercial banks, trust companies and other nominees may also effect tenders by book-entry transfer. Holders of private notes registered in the name of a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee are urged to contact such person promptly if they wish to tender private notes pursuant to the exchange offer. See The Exchange Offer Procedures for Tendering.

Letters of transmittal and certificates representing private notes should not be sent to us. Such documents should only be sent to the Exchange Agent. Questions regarding how to tender private notes and requests for information should be directed to the Exchange Agent. See The Exchange Offer Exchange Agent.

Acceptance of the Private Notes and Delivery of the Exchange Notes

Subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions to the exchange offer, we will accept for exchange any and all private notes which are validly tendered in the exchange offer and not withdrawn before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date.

Withdrawal Rights

You may withdraw the tender of your private notes at any time before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date, by complying with the procedures for withdrawal described in this prospectus under the heading The Exchange Offer Withdrawal of Tenders.

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Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences

The exchange of notes will not be a taxable event for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

For a discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences relating to the

notes, see Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences.

Exchange Agent The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., the trustee under the indenture

governing the notes, is serving as the exchange agent (the Exchange Agent).

Consequences of Failure to Exchange If you do not exchange your private notes for exchange notes, you will continue to be

subject to the restrictions on transfer provided in the private notes and in the indenture governing the private notes. In general, the private notes may not be offered or sold, unless registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. We do not currently plan to register the resale of

any private notes under the Securities Act.

Registration Rights Agreement You are entitled to exchange your private notes for exchange notes with substantially

identical terms. This exchange offer satisfies this right. After the exchange offer is completed, you will no longer be entitled to any exchange or registration rights with

respect to your private notes.

We explain the exchange offer in greater detail beginning on page 27.

The Exchange Notes

The summary below describes the principal terms of the exchange notes. Certain of the terms and conditions described below are subject to important limitations and exceptions. The Description of the Notes section of this prospectus contains a more detailed description of the terms and conditions of the exchange notes.

The form and terms of the exchange notes are the same as the form and terms of the private notes, except that the exchange notes will be registered under the Securities Act and, therefore, the exchange notes will not be subject to the transfer restrictions, registration rights and provisions providing for an increase in the interest rate applicable to the private notes. The exchange notes will evidence the same debt as the private notes and are governed by the same indenture as the private notes.

Issuer Alliance HealthCare Services, Inc.

Securities Offered \$190,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 8% Series B Senior Notes due 2016.

Maturity December 1, 2016.

Interest Rate 8% per year (calculated using a 360-day year).

Interest Payment Dates June 1 and December 1 of each year, beginning on June 1, 2010.

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Ranking

The exchange notes are unsecured senior obligations of the Company, rank equally in right of payment to all of our existing and future senior indebtedness and senior in right of payment to all of our existing and future subordinated indebtedness. The exchange notes are effectively subordinated in right of payment to our secured indebtedness (including obligations under our credit facility) to the extent of the value securing such indebtedness, and all obligations of each of our existing and future subsidiaries. As of March 31, 2010, we had approximately \$660.0 million of indebtedness, approximately \$472.4 million of which was secured (excluding \$4.4 million of undrawn letters of credit and up to \$115.6 million of additional borrowing capacity under the New Revolving Credit Facility) and our subsidiaries had total liabilities, together with guarantees of indebtedness, of approximately \$486.1 million (of which \$458.9 million represents guarantees of indebtedness under the New Credit Facility). See Selected Consolidated Financial Data. Risk Factors Risks Related to Our Indebtedness.

Optional Redemption

We may redeem the exchange notes, in whole or in part, at any time on or after December 1, 2012 at the redemption prices listed under Description of the Notes Optional Redemption.

We may redeem some or all of the exchange notes at any time prior to December 1, 2012 at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the exchange notes plus a make-whole premium as set forth under Description of the Notes Optional Redemption.

Optional Redemption After Equity Offerings

We may redeem up to 35% of the outstanding exchange notes with money that we raise in one or more equity offerings at any time (which may be more than once) prior to December 1, 2012, at a redemption price of 108.0% of the principal amount of the exchange notes plus accrued and unpaid interest and liquidated damages, if any, as long as at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount of exchange notes issued remains outstanding afterwards. See Description of the Notes Optional Redemption.

Change of Control

If a change in control of the Company occurs, we must give holders of the exchange notes the opportunity to sell us their exchange notes at 101% of their face amount, plus accrued interest.

We might not be able to pay you the required price for exchange notes you present to us at the time of a change of control because:

we might not have enough funds at that time; and

the terms of our credit facility may prevent us from paying.

See Risk Factors Risks Related to the Notes We may not be able to repurchase notes upon a change of control, which would be an event of default under the indenture.

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Asset Sale Proceeds

If we or our subsidiaries engage in asset sales, we generally must either invest the net cash proceeds from such sales in our business within a period of time, prepay certain debt or make an offer to purchase a principal amount of the exchange notes equal to the excess net cash proceeds. The purchase price of the notes will be 100% of their principal amount, plus accrued interest.

Certain Indenture Provisions

The indenture governing the exchange notes contains covenants limiting our (and most or all of our subsidiaries) ability to:

pay dividends or make certain other restricted payments or investments;

incur additional indebtedness and issue disqualified stock;

create liens on assets;

merge, consolidate, or sell all or substantially all of our and our restricted subsidiaries assets:

enter into certain transactions with affiliates;

create restrictions on dividends or other payments by our restricted subsidiaries; and

create guarantees of indebtedness by restricted subsidiaries.

These covenants are subject to a number of important limitations and exceptions. See Description of the Notes Certain Covenants.

Use of Proceeds We will not receive any cash proceeds from the exchange offer. We explain the exchange notes in greater detail beginning on page 99.

Risk Factors

You should carefully consider all of the information in this prospectus. In particular, for a discussion of some specific factors that you should consider in evaluating an investment in the notes, see Risk Factors beginning on page 10 of this prospectus, Risk Factors beginning on page 23 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 and Item 1A Risk Factors of our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2010, both of which are incorporated by reference herein.

Summary Consolidated Financial Information

We derived the following summary historical consolidated financial information presented below from our financial statements. The following summary historical consolidated financial information with respect to each year in the three-year period ended December 31, 2009 are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements. We derived the summary historical consolidated financial information as of and for each of the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2010 from our unaudited consolidated financial information. Our unaudited consolidated financial information for each of the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2010 includes, in the opinion of management, all adjustments consisting of normal recurring adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the period. The results of interim periods are not indicative of our results for the full year. The summary historical consolidated financial information provided below should be read in conjunction with

Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included and incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

	Year Ended December 31,			Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2007	2008	2009	2009	2010
Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:					
Revenues	\$ 444,919	\$ 495,834	\$ 505,513	\$ 131,788	\$ 118,661
Costs and expenses:					
Cost of revenues, excluding depreciation and amortization	235,471	261,753	270,381	68,879	65,226
Selling, general and administrative expenses	57,049	62,728	67,579	17,893	16,117
Transaction costs			893	431	351
Severances and related costs	682	636	1,404	182	462
Loss on extinguishment of debt		61	14,600		
Depreciation expense	82,703	87,728	94,918	23,650	23,691
Amortization expense	5,195	8,696	11,000	2,776	2,806
Interest expense and other, net	42,362	48,392	45,894	10,677	13,304
Other (income) and expense, net	(579)	(872)	(1,178)	(256)	(360)
Total costs and expenses	422,883	469,122	505,491	124,232	121,597
Income (loss) before income taxes, earnings from unconsolidated					
investees and noncontrolling interest, net of tax	22,036	26,712	22	7,556	(2,936)
Income tax expense (benefit)	11,644	11,764	308	3,161	(613)
Earnings from unconsolidated investees	(7,567)	(4,605)	(3,831)	(587)	(907)
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Net income (loss)	17,959	19,553	3,545	4,982	(1,416)
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest, net of tax	(1,727)	(3,030)	(3,064)	(654)	(747)
Net income (loss) attributable to Alliance HealthCare Services,					
Inc.	\$ 16,232	\$ 16,523	\$ 481	\$ 4,328	\$ (2,163)
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data (at end of period):					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 120,892	\$ 73,305	\$ 111,884	\$ 91,109	\$ 114,197
Total assets	849,807	883,723	887,836	888,302	878,938
Long-term debt, including current maturities	670,796	662,562	667,890	665,925	660,038
Stockholders equity	8,079	28,993	34,762	33,451	34,275
Other Data:	2,0		- 1,1 -	22,122	2 1,212
Cash flows provided by (used in):					
Operating activities	119,704	130,124	139,131	32,867	30,651
Investing activities	(142,515)	(151,324)	(60,452)	(11,953)	(18,880)
Financing activities	127,263	(26,387)	(40,100)	(3,110)	(9,458)
Capital expenditures	65,252	66,204	73,830	14,891	20,205
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RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider the risk factors set forth below as well as the other information contained and incorporated by reference in this prospectus before making a decision to tender your private notes in the exchange offer. The risk factors set forth below are generally applicable to the private notes as well as the exchange notes. The risks described below are not the only risks that we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial may also materially and adversely affect our business operations. Any of the following risks could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. In such case, you may lose all or part of your original investment.

Risks Related to Our Indebtedness

Our substantial indebtedness could restrict our operations and make us more vulnerable to adverse economic conditions.

We are highly leveraged. As of March 31, 2010, we had \$660.0 million of outstanding debt, excluding letters of credit, and approximately \$115.6 million was available for borrowing under our credit facility. Our substantial indebtedness could have important consequences for our stockholders. For example, it could:

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 and acquisitions and for other general corporate purposes;

increase our vulnerability to economic downturns and competitive pressures in our industry;

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

limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and our industry.

If there is a default under the agreements governing our material indebtedness, the value of our assets may not be sufficient to repay our creditors.

Our property and equipment, which make up a significant portion of our tangible assets, had a net book value of \$336.8 million as of March 31, 2010. The book value of these assets should not be relied on as a measure of realizable value for such assets. The realizable value may be lower than such net book value. The value of our assets in the event of liquidation will depend upon market and economic conditions, the availability of buyers and similar factors. A sale of these assets in a bankruptcy or similar proceeding would likely be made under duress, which could reduce the amounts that would be recovered. Furthermore, such a sale could occur when other companies in our industry also are distressed, which might increase the supply of similar assets and therefore reduce the amounts that could be recovered. Our goodwill and other intangible assets had a net book value of \$291.4 million as of March 31, 2010. These assets primarily consist of the excess of the acquisition cost over the fair market value of the net assets acquired in purchase transactions, customer contracts and costs to obtain certificates of need. The value of goodwill and other intangible assets will continue to depend significantly upon the success of our business as a going concern and the growth in future cash flows. As a result, in the event of a default under the agreements governing our material indebtedness or any bankruptcy or dissolution of our company, the realizable value of these assets will likely be substantially lower and may be insufficient to satisfy the claims of our creditors.

The financial condition of our assets will likely deteriorate during any period of financial distress preceding a sale of our assets. In addition, much of our assets consist of illiquid assets that may have to be sold at a substantial discount in an insolvency situation. Accordingly, the proceeds of any such sale of our assets may not be sufficient to satisfy, and may be substantially less than, amounts due to our creditors.

Despite current indebtedness levels, we and our subsidiaries may still be able to incur substantially more indebtedness, which could increase the risks described above.

We and our subsidiaries may be able to incur substantial additional indebtedness in the future. The terms of our credit facility and the indenture governing the notes permit us or our subsidiaries to incur additional indebtedness, subject to certain restrictions. Further, our credit facility and the indenture governing the notes allow for the incurrence of indebtedness by our subsidiaries, all of which would be structurally senior to the notes. In addition, as of March 31, 2010, our credit facility permitted additional borrowings of up to approximately \$115.6 million subject to the covenants contained in our credit facility, and all of those borrowings would be senior to the notes to the extent of the assets securing our credit facility. If new debt is added to our or our subsidiaries current debt levels, the risks discussed above could intensify.

If we are unable to generate or borrow sufficient cash to make payments on our indebtedness or to refinance our indebtedness on acceptable terms, our financial condition would be materially harmed, our business may fail and you may lose all of your investment.

Our ability to make scheduled payments on or to refinance our obligations with respect to our debt will depend on our financial and operating performance, which will be affected by general economic, financial, competitive, business and other factors beyond our control. As a result of the recent global market and economic conditions, the cost and availability of credit and equity capital have been severely impacted. We cannot assure you that our business will generate sufficient cash flow from operations or that future borrowings will be available to us in an amount sufficient to enable us to service our debt or to fund our other liquidity needs. If we are unable to meet our debt obligations or fund our other liquidity needs, we may need to restructure or refinance all or a portion of our debt on or before maturity or sell certain of our assets. We cannot assure you that we will be able to restructure or refinance any of our debt on commercially reasonable terms, if at all, which could cause us to default on our debt obligations and impair our liquidity. Any refinancing of our debt could be at higher interest rates and may require us to comply with more onerous covenants, which could further restrict our business operations.

We may not be able to finance future needs or adapt our business plan to changes because of restrictions placed on us by our credit facility, our notes, the indentures governing our notes and instruments governing our other indebtedness.

The indenture governing the notes and our credit facility contain affirmative and negative covenants which restrict, among other things, our ability to:

incur additional debt;	
sell assets;	
create liens or other encumbrances;	
make certain payments and dividends; or	

merge or consolidate.

All of these restrictions could affect our ability to operate our business and may limit our ability to take advantage of potential business opportunities as they arise. A failure to comply with these covenants and restrictions would permit the relevant creditors to declare all amounts borrowed under the relevant borrowing, together with accrued interest and fees, to be immediately due and payable. If the indebtedness under our credit facility or the notes is accelerated, we may not have sufficient assets to repay amounts due under the credit facility, the notes or on other indebtedness then outstanding. If we are not able to refinance our debt, we could become subject to bankruptcy proceedings, and you may lose all or a portion of your investment because the claims of certain of our creditors on our assets are prior to the claims of holders of the notes.

Increases in interest rates could adversely affect our financial condition.

An increase in prevailing interest rates would have an effect on the interest rates charged on our variable rate debt, which rise and fall upon changes in interest rates. At March 31, 2010, approximately \$458.9 million of our debt was at variable interest rates.

Increases in interest rates would also impact the refinancing of our debt. If interest rates are higher when our debt becomes due, we may be forced to borrow at the higher rates. If prevailing interest rates or other factors result in higher interest rates, the increased interest expense would adversely affect our cash flow and our ability to service our debt. As a protection against rising interest rates, we may enter into agreements such as interest rate swaps, caps, floors and other interest rate exchange contracts. These agreements, however, carry the risks that the other parties to the agreements may not perform or that the agreements could be unenforceable. We are required under the terms of our credit facility to enter into agreements such as interest rate swaps, caps, floors and other interest rate exchange contracts that would have the effect of fixing the rate of a specified percentage of our variable rate debt for periods to be determined.

Risks Related to Our Business

Changes in the rates or methods of third-party reimbursements for diagnostic imaging services could result in reduced demand for our services or create downward pricing pressure, which would result in a decline in our revenues and harm to our financial position.

We derive approximately 19% of our revenues from direct billings to patients and third-party payors such as Medicare, Medicaid or private health insurance companies, and changes in the rates or methods of reimbursement for the services we provide could have a significant negative impact on those revenues. Moreover, our healthcare provider clients on whom we depend for the majority of our revenues generally rely on reimbursement from third-party payors. If our clients receive decreased reimbursement, this could result in a reduced demand for our services or downward pricing pressures, which could have a material impact on our financial position.

From time to time, changes designed to contain healthcare costs have been implemented, some of which have resulted in decreased reimbursement rates for diagnostic imaging services that impact our retail business. For services for which we bill Medicare directly, we are paid under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule, which is updated on an annual basis. Under the Medicare statutory formula, payments under the Physician Fee Schedule would have decreased for the past several years if Congress failed to intervene. For example, for 2008, the fee schedule rates were to be reduced by approximately 10.1%. The Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 eliminated the 10.1% reduction for 2008 and increased the annual payment rate update by 0.5%. This increase to the annual Medicare Physician Fee Schedule payment update was effective only for Medicare claims with dates of service between January 1, 2008 and June 30, 2008. Beginning July 1, 2008, under MIPPA, the 0.5% increase was continued for the rest of 2008. In addition, MIPPA established a 1.1% increase to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule payment update for 2009. For 2010, CMS projected a rate reduction of 21.2% unless Congress intervened again to avoid the payment reduction. On December 19, 2009, President Obama signed into law the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010 (H.R. 3326) which includes a zero percent Medicare physician update through February 28, 2010. The zero percent update was further extended through May 31, 2010 by the Temporary Extension Act of 2010 and the Continuing Extension Act of 2010, signed into law by President Obama on March 2, 2010 and April 15, 2010, respectively. Finally, a 2.2% increase to the payment rate, effective June 1, 2010 through November 30, 2010, was established by the Preservation of Access to Care for Medicare Beneficiaries and Pension Relief Act of 2010, signed into law on June 25, 2010. Although for 2011, CMS is projecting a rate reduction of 6.1%, this projection does not account for the recent legislative changes to the Physician Fee Schedule updates, as discussed above. In any event, if Congress fails to intervene to prevent the negative update factor in the future, the resulting decrease in payment will adversely impact our revenues and results of operations.

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MIPPA also modified the methodology by which the budget neutrality formula was applied to the 2009 physician fee schedule payment rates, resulting in an overall reduction in payment rates for services performed by many specialties, including an estimated 3% reduction for radiation oncology and 1% reduction for nuclear medicine. The impact of the payment rates on specific companies depends on their service mix. We estimated slight decreases in rates for our radiation oncology business but cannot predict the full impact the rate reductions will have on our future revenues or business. Also with respect to MIPPA, the legislation requires all suppliers that provide the technical component of diagnostic MRI, PET/CT, CT and nuclear medicine to be accredited by an accreditation organization designated by CMS by January 1, 2012. On January 26, 2010, CMS initially approved the following designated accreditation organizations to accredit suppliers furnishing the technical component of all advanced imaging modalities (CT, nuclear medicine, PET and MRI) on or after January 1, 2010: The American College of Radiology (ACR), the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) and The Joint Commission. All our facilities are accredited by The Joint Commission.

A number of other legislative changes impact our retail business. For example, the DRA imposed caps on Medicare payment rates for certain imaging services furnished in physicians—offices and other non-hospital based settings. The caps impact MRI, PET/CT and certain imaging services performed in conjunction with radiation therapy, including certain IGRT services and diagnostic imaging services used to plan IMRT. Under the cap, payments for specified imaging services cannot exceed the hospital outpatient payment rates for those services. This change applies to services furnished on or after January 1, 2007. The limitation is applicable to the technical components of the diagnostic imaging services only, which is the payment we receive for the services for which we bill directly under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule. CMS issues on an annual basis the HOPPS rates, which are used to develop the caps. If the technical component of the service established under the Physician Fee Schedule (without including geographic adjustments) exceeds the hospital outpatient payment amount for the service (also without including geographic adjustments), then the payment is to be reduced. In other words, in those instances where the technical component for the particular service is greater for the non-hospital site, the DRA directs that the hospital outpatient payment rate be substituted for the otherwise applicable Physician Fee Schedule payment rate. The implementation of this reimbursement reduction contained in the DRA had a significant effect on our financial condition and results of operations in 2007, whereas the changes in 2008 and 2009 have been limited.

The DRA also codified the reduction in reimbursement for multiple images on contiguous body parts, which was previously announced by CMS. The DRA mandated payment at 100% of the technical component of the higher priced imaging procedure and 50% for the technical component of each additional imaging procedure for multiple images of contiguous body parts within a family of codes performed in the same session. CMS announced that it would phase in this reimbursement reduction over a two-year period. Beginning in 2006, CMS implemented the initial 25% reduction for each additional imaging procedure on contiguous body parts. For services furnished on or after July 1, 2010, the recently enacted Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended by the Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act (collectively, the PPACA), requires the full 50% reduction to be implemented as mandated by the DRA. In its proposed Physician Fee Schedule for calendar year 2011, CMS also proposed a reduction in reimbursement to CT and CT angiography (CTA), MRI and MR angiography (MRA), and ultrasound procedures services furnished to the same patient in the same session, regardless of the imaging modality, and not limited to contiguous body areas. CMS projects that the proposed rule would reduce payment for 20% more services than the current multiple procedure payment reduction policy. CMS expects that the proposed rule would primarily reduce payments for radiology services and to freestanding diagnostic imaging centers, such as our retail business. At this time, we do not believe that the proposed multiple procedure payment reductions, if finalized, will have a material impact on our future retail revenues.

For HOPPS rates, effective January 1, 2009, CMS established three HOPPS imaging families according to modality one for ultrasound, one for CT and CTA, and one for MRI and MRA services. CMS then established five composite Ambulatory Payment Classifications, or APCs, based on these HOPPS imaging families, splitting the families for CT and CTA, and MRI and MRA, into two separate composite APCs each to reflect whether the procedures are performed with or without contrast. CMS will provide a single APC payment when two or more

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imaging procedures using the same imaging modality are reported on a single date of service. If a with and without contrast procedure are reported together, they are paid at the higher with contrast payment category. The implementation of this new payment methodology did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

Regulatory updates to payment rates for which we bill the Medicare program directly are published annually by CMS. For payments under the Physician Fee Schedule for calendar year 2010, CMS changed the way it calculates components of the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule. As part of the changes, CMS reduced payment rates for certain diagnostic services using equipment costing more than \$1 million through revisions to usage assumptions from the current 50% usage rate to a 90% usage rate to be phased in over a four-year period. This change applied to MRI and CT scans, but not for radiation therapy and other therapeutic equipment. The PPACA supersedes CMS s regulatory changes and reduces the assumed usage rate for such equipment from CMS s 2010 rate of 90% to a rate of 75%, beginning on January 1, 2011. In addition, for 2011, CMS is proposing to expand the list of services to which the higher equipment utilization rate assumption applies to include certain diagnostic CTA and MRA procedures using similar CT and MRI scanners that cost more than \$1 million. A decrease in utilization rate generally corresponds to an increase to the payment rate. The OIG has stated that for 2010, it intends to focus on, among other things, the practice expense components, including the equipment utilization rate, for certain imaging services reimbursed under Medicare Physician Fee Schedule to determine whether Medicare payment reflects the actual expenses incurred and whether the utilization rate reflects current industry practices.

Further with respect to its 2010 regulatory changes to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule, in addition to the changes to the usage assumptions, CMS s changes to services primarily involving the technical component rather than the physician work component were adjusted downward. The reductions primarily impact radiology and other diagnostic tests, including the services we provide. Some of the changes to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule are being transitioned over a four year period such that beginning in 2013, CMS will have fully implemented the revised payment rates. For the 2010 transitioned payment, CMS estimated that the impact of its changes (including the change in the usage assumption that has been superseded by PPACA) would result in a 1% reduction in radiation oncology, 5% reduction in radiology, 18% reduction in nuclear medicine and 12% reduction for all suppliers providing the technical component of diagnostic tests generally. These impacts are calculated prior to any application of the projected negative update factor of 21.2% related to MIPPA and may impact our future revenues. The PPACA changes to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule impact only the usage assumptions described above and therefore all other 2010 updates issued by CMS remain in place. If the CMS 2010 reimbursement rates had been in effect for full year 2009, we estimate that our annualized retail revenue related to MRI and radiation oncology would not have been materially impacted. At this time, we estimate that the new usage assumptions for MRI and CT scans under the PPACA, which is to take effect on January 1, 2011, will not have a material impact on our future retail revenues.

On June 25, 2010, CMS published its proposed regulatory changes to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule for calendar year 2011. The proposed rule would implement the second year of the four-year transitioned changes discussed above, CMS is also proposing to adjust upward two components of Medicare physician payment rates. These two components, the practice expense and malpractice expense, will be adjusted to reflect their growth relative to physician earnings. This would in turn result in a downward adjustment to the work expense component of the Medicare physician payment rates. Specialties that have a higher proportion of the payment rate attributable to practice expenses, such as radiation oncology, are estimated to experience an increase in aggregate payments. For the 2011 transitioned payment, CMS estimated that the impact of its proposed changes would result in a 2% increase in radiation oncology, 6% reduction in radiology, 3% reduction in nuclear medicine and 2% reduction for all suppliers providing the technical component of diagnostic tests generally. These impacts are calculated prior to any application of the projected negative update factor of 6.1% as described above. At this time, we do not believe that the proposed regulatory changes for the adjustments in practice expense, malpractice expense, and work expense components of the Medicare physician payment rates, if finalized, will have a material impact on our future retail revenues.

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In addition to annual updates to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule, as indicated above, CMS also publishes regulatory changes to the HOPPS on an annual basis. These payments are the amounts received by our hospital clients for hospital outpatient services. For 2008, the national Medicare HOPPS payment rate for nonmyocardial PET and PET/CT scans was \$1,057 per scan and the national payment rate for myocardial PET scans was \$1,400 per scan. Effective January 1, 2008, CMS also bundled the PET and PET/CT payment for radiopharmaceuticals with the payment for the PET and PET/CT scans. In addition, CMS reduced the 2008 national Medicare HOPPS rate for MRI scans by approximately 3%. The 2008 national Medicare HOPPS payment rates for stereotactic radiosurgery treatment delivery services ranged from \$1,057 to \$8,055, depending on the level of service. For 2009, the payment rate for nonmyocardial PET and PET/CT scans is \$1,037 per scan. For myocardial PET procedures, the 2009 payment rate is \$1,157 per scan. For stereotactic radiosurgery treatment delivery services, the 2009 payment rates range from \$952 to \$7,642, depending on the level of service. On October 30, 2009, CMS released its 2010 national Medicare HOPPS payment rates, which went into effect January 1, 2010. For nonmyocardial PET and PET/CT, the 2010 payment rate is \$1,037 per scan. For myocardial PET procedures, the 2010 payment rate is \$1,433 per scan. For stereotactic radiosurgery treatment delivery services, the 2010 payment rates range from \$963 to \$7,344, depending on the level of service.

At this time, we cannot predict the impact the DRA and PET and PET/CT Medicare HOPPS rate reductions will have on our future revenues or business. In addition, we cannot predict the full extent of the PPACA on our business. The legislation substantially changes the way health care is financed by both governmental and private insurers and may negatively impact payment rates for certain imaging services. Nor can we predict at this time whether or the extent to which other proposed changes will be adopted, if any, or how these or future changes will affect the demand for our services. For example, President Obama s budget for fiscal year 2010 includes provisions that may require the use of radiology benefit managers to preauthorize certain imaging services. Future requirements limiting access to or payment for radiology or radiation oncology services may negatively impact our future revenues or business.

We may experience competition from other medical diagnostic and radiation oncology companies and equipment manufacturers and this competition could adversely affect our revenues and our business.

The market for diagnostic imaging and radiation oncology services and systems is competitive. Our major diagnostic imaging competitors include RadNet, Inc., InSight Health Services Corp., Medquest, Inc., Medical Resources, Inc., Shared Medical Services, Kings Medical Company Inc. and DMS Health Group. Our major radiation oncology competitors include Radiation Therapy Services, Inc., Oncare Medical Corp., Vontage Oncology, Inc., and US Oncology, Inc. In addition to direct competition from other imaging and radiation oncology providers, we compete with independent imaging centers and referring physicians with diagnostic imaging systems in their own offices, as well as with original equipment manufacturers, or OEMs, that aggressively sell or lease imaging systems to healthcare providers for full-time installation. In recent years we have seen an increase in activity by OEMs sale of systems directly to a certain number of our clients. Typically, OEMs target our higher scan volume clients. This increase in activity by OEMs has resulted in overcapacity of systems in the marketplace, especially related to medical groups adding imaging capacity within their practice settings. This has caused an increase in the number of our higher scan volume clients deciding not to renew their contracts. We replace these higher volume scan clients typically with lower volume clients. Our MRI revenues decreased during the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to 2008 and during the quarter ended March 31, 2010 compared to 2009, due to a decrease in demand. We believe that MRI revenues will continue to decline in future years.

There are many competitors in the imaging sector we find ourselves competing with to gain business. If we are unable to successfully compete, our client base would decline and our business and financial condition would be harmed.

Our revenues may fluctuate or be unpredictable and this may impact our financial results.

The amount and timing of revenues that we may derive from our business will fluctuate based on:

variations in the rate at which clients renew their contracts;

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the extent to which our mobile shared-service clients become full-time clients:

changes in the number of days of service we can offer with respect to a given diagnostic imaging system due to equipment malfunctions or the seasonal factors discussed below: and

the mix of wholesale and retail billing for our services.

In addition, we experience seasonality in the sale of our services. For example, our revenues typically decline from our third fiscal quarter to our fourth fiscal quarter. First and fourth quarter revenues are typically lower than those from the second and third quarters. First quarter revenue can be affected primarily by inclement weather, the results of which are fewer patient scans during the period. Fourth quarter revenue is affected primarily by holiday and client and patient vacation schedules and inclement weather, the results of which are fewer patient scans during the period. As a result, our revenues may vary significantly from quarter to quarter, and our quarterly results may be below market expectations. We also experience fluctuations in revenues generated due to acquisition activity and general economic conditions, including recession or economic slowdown. We may not be able to reduce our expenses, including our debt service obligations, quickly enough to respond to these declines in revenue, which would make our business difficult to operate and would harm our financial results.

We may be unable to renew or maintain our client contracts, which would harm our business and financial results.

Upon expiration of our clients contracts, we are subject to the risk that clients will cease using our imaging services and purchase or lease their own imaging systems or use our competitors imaging systems. During the quarter ended March 31, 2010, we continued to experience a high rate of contract terminations partially due to stepped up marketing, sales and attractive financing alternatives being offered by original equipment manufacturers to our clients. A portion of our clients can execute early termination clauses and discontinue service prior to maturity. As a result, our MRI revenues for 2009 declined compared to 2008 and our first quarter 2010 levels declined compared to first quarter 2009 levels due to a decrease in demand and we believe that MRI revenues from our shared-service operations will continue to decline in future periods. If these contracts are not renewed, it could result in a significant negative impact on our business. It is not always possible to immediately obtain replacement clients, and historically many replacement clients have been smaller facilities which have a lower number of scans than lost clients.

Managed care organizations may prevent healthcare providers from using our services which would cause us to lose current and prospective clients.

Healthcare providers participating as providers under managed care plans may be required to refer diagnostic imaging tests to specific imaging service providers depending on the plan in which each covered patient is enrolled. These requirements currently inhibit healthcare providers from using our diagnostic imaging services in some cases. The proliferation of managed care may prevent an increasing number of healthcare providers from using our services in the future which would cause our revenues to decline.

We may be unable to effectively maintain our imaging and radiation oncology systems or generate revenue when our systems are not working.

Timely, effective service is essential to maintaining our reputation and high utilization rates on our imaging and radiation oncology systems. Repairs to one of our systems can take up to two weeks and result in a loss of revenue. Our warranties and maintenance contracts do not fully compensate us for loss of revenue when our systems are not working. The principal components of our operating costs include depreciation, salaries paid to technologists and other clinical staff, drivers, annual system maintenance costs, insurance and transportation costs. Because the majority of these expenses are fixed, a reduction in the number of scans or treatments performed due to out-of-service equipment will result in lower revenues and margins. Repairs of our equipment are performed for us by the equipment manufacturers. These manufacturers may not be able to perform repairs or supply needed parts in a timely manner. Thus, if we experience greater than anticipated system malfunctions or if

we are unable to promptly obtain the service necessary to keep our systems functioning effectively, our revenues could decline and our ability to provide services would be harmed.

Our ability to maximize the utilization of our diagnostic imaging equipment may be adversely impacted by harsh weather conditions, which may affect our ability to generate revenue.

Harsh weather conditions can adversely impact our operations and financial condition. To the extent severe weather patterns affect the regions in which we operate, potential patients may find it difficult to travel to our centers and we may have difficulty moving our mobile systems along their scheduled routes. As a result, we would experience a decrease in scan volume during that period. Our equipment utilization, scan volume or revenues could be adversely affected by similar conditions in the future.

Adverse changes in general domestic and worldwide economic conditions and instability and disruption of credit markets could adversely affect our operating results, financial condition, or liquidity.

We are subject to risks arising from adverse changes in general domestic and global economic conditions, including recession or economic slowdown and disruption of credit markets. Recent global market and economic conditions have been unprecedented and challenging with tighter credit conditions and recession in most major economies continuing into 2010. Continued concerns about the systemic impact of potential long-term and wide-spread recession, inflation, energy costs, geopolitical issues, the availability and cost of credit, the United States mortgage market and a declining real estate market in the United States have contributed to increased market volatility and diminished expectations for the United States economy. Added concerns fueled by the United States government financial assistance to certain companies and other federal government s interventions in the United States financial system has led to increased market uncertainty and instability in both United States and international capital and credit markets. These conditions, combined with volatile oil prices, declining business and consumer confidence, increased unemployment, increased tax rates and governmental budget deficits and debt levels have contributed to volatility of unprecedented levels. We believe our MRI and PET/CT scan volumes have been impacted during 2009 and will continue to be impacted in 2010 by rising unemployment rates, the number of under-insured or uninsured patients and other conditions arising from the global economic conditions described above. At this time, it is unclear what impact this might have on our future revenues or business.

As a result of these market conditions, the cost and availability of credit has been and may continue to be adversely affected by illiquid credit markets and wider credit spreads. Concern about the stability of the markets generally and the strength of counterparties specifically has led many lenders and institutional investors to reduce, and in some cases, cease to provide funding to borrowers.

Continued turbulence in the United States and international markets and economies may adversely affect our liquidity and financial condition, and the liquidity and financial condition of our customers. If these market conditions continue, they may limit our ability, and the ability of our customers, to timely replace maturing liabilities, and access the capital markets to meet liquidity needs, resulting in adverse effects on our financial condition and results of operations.

We may not receive payment from some of our healthcare provider customers because of their financial circumstances.

Some of our healthcare provider customers do not have significant financial resources, liquidity or access to capital. If these customers experience financial difficulties they may be unable to pay us for the equipment and services that we provide. We have experienced, and expect to continue to experience, write-offs of accounts receivables from healthcare provider customers that become insolvent, file for bankruptcy or are otherwise unable to pay amounts owed to us. A significant deterioration in general or local economic conditions could have a material adverse affect on the financial health of certain of our healthcare provider customers. As a result, we may have to increase the amounts of accounts receivables that we write-off, which would adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

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Natural disasters could adversely affect our business and operations.

Our corporate headquarters is located in California and we currently operate in various geographic regions across 45 states, subject to varying risks for natural disaster, including but not limited to, hurricanes, blizzards, floods, earthquakes and tornados. Depending upon their severity, these natural disasters could damage our facilities and systems or prevent potential patients from traveling to our centers. Damage to our equipment or any interruption in our business would adversely affect our financial condition and could result in the loss of the capital invested in the damaged facilities or systems or anticipated future cash flows from those facilities or imaging systems.

Technological change in our industry could reduce the demand for our services and require us to incur significant costs to upgrade our equipment.

We operate in a competitive, capital intensive and high fixed-cost industry. The development of new technologies or refinements of existing ones might make our existing systems technologically or economically obsolete, or reduce the need for our systems. MRI, PET and PET/CT, radiation oncology and other diagnostic imaging systems are currently manufactured by numerous companies. Competition among manufacturers for a greater share of the MRI, PET and PET/CT and other diagnostic imaging systems market has resulted in and likely will continue to result in technological advances in the speed and imaging capacity of these new systems. Consequently, the obsolescence of our systems may be accelerated. Should new technological advances occur, we may not be able to acquire the new or improved systems. In the future, to the extent we are unable to generate sufficient cash from our operations or obtain additional funds through bank financing or the issuance of equity or debt securities, we may be unable to maintain a competitive equipment base. In addition, advancing technology may enable hospitals, physicians or other diagnostic service providers to perform procedures without the assistance of diagnostic service providers such as ourselves. As a result, we may not be able to maintain our competitive position in our targeted regions or expand our business.

High fuel costs would harm our operations.

Fuel costs constitute a significant portion of our mobile operating expenses. Historically, fuel costs have been subject to wide price fluctuations based on geopolitical issues and supply and demand. Fuel availability is also affected by demand for home heating oil, diesel, gasoline and other petroleum products, as well as overall economic conditions. Because of the effect of these events on the price and availability of fuel, the cost and future availability of fuel cannot be predicted with any degree of certainty. In the event of a fuel supply shortage or further increases in fuel prices, a curtailment of scheduled mobile service could result. There have been significant increases in fuel costs and continued high fuel costs or further increases will harm our financial condition and results of operations.

Because a high percentage of our operating expenses are fixed, a relatively small decrease in revenues could have a significant negative impact on our financial results.

A high percentage of our expenses are fixed, meaning they do not vary significantly with the increase or decrease in revenues. Such expenses include, but are not limited to, debt service and capital lease payments, rent and operating lease payments, salaries, maintenance, insurance and vehicle operation costs. As a result, a relatively small reduction in the prices we charge for our services or procedure volume could have a disproportionate negative effect on our financial results.

We may be subject to professional liability risks, which could be costly and could negatively impact our business and financial results.

We may be subject to professional liability claims. Although there currently are no known hazards associated with any of our scanning or therapy delivery technologies directly related to the physical equipment when used properly, hazards may be discovered in the future. Furthermore, there is a risk of harm to a patient

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during an MRI if the patient has certain types of metal implants or cardiac pacemakers within his or her body. Although patients are screened to safeguard against this risk, screening may nevertheless fail to identify the hazard. There also is potential risk to patients treated with therapy equipment secondary to inadvertent or excessive over- or under exposure to radiation a topic on which the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on February 26, 2010. We maintain professional liability insurance with coverage that we believe is consistent with industry practice and appropriate in light of the risks attendant to our business. However, any claim made against us could be costly to defend against, result in a substantial damage award against us and divert the attention of our management from our operations, which could have an adverse effect on our financial performance.

Loss of key executives and failure to attract qualified managers and sales persons could limit our growth and negatively impact our operations.

We depend upon our management team to a substantial extent. In particular, we depend upon Mr. Viviano, our Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of our Board of Directors for his skills, experience and knowledge of our Company and industry contacts. We do not have key employee insurance policies covering any of our management team. The loss of Mr. Viviano or other members of our management team could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

We require field managers and sales persons with experience in our industry to operate and sell our services for diagnostic imaging and radiation oncology. It is impossible to predict the availability of qualified field managers and sales persons or the compensation levels that will be required to hire them. The loss of the services of any member of our senior management or our inability to hire qualified field managers and sales persons at economically reasonable compensation levels could adversely affect our ability to operate and grow our business.

Loss of, and failure to attract, qualified employees, technologists and other clinical staff could limit our growth and negatively impact our operations.

Our future success depends on our continuing ability to identify, hire, develop, motivate and retain highly skilled personnel for all areas of our organization. Competition in our industry for qualified employees is intense. In particular, there is a very high demand for qualified technologists who are necessary to operate our systems, particularly PET and PET/CT technologists. We may not be able to hire and retain a sufficient number of technologists, therapists, physicists and dosimetrists and we expect that our costs for the salaries and benefits of these employees will continue to increase for the foreseeable future because of the industry s competitive demand for their services. Our continued ability to compete effectively depends on our ability to attract new employees and to retain and motivate our existing employees.

Our positron emission tomography and positron emission tomography/computed tomography, or PET and PET/CT services, and some of our other imaging services require the use of radioactive materials, which could subject us to regulation-related costs and delays and potential liabilities for injuries or violations of environmental, health and safety laws.

Our PET and PET/CT services and some of our other imaging services require radioactive materials. While this radioactive material has a short half-life, meaning it quickly breaks down into inert, or non-radioactive substances, storage, use and disposal of these materials present the risk of accidental environmental contamination and physical injury. We are subject to federal, state and local regulations governing storage, handling and disposal of these materials and waste products. In spite of our safety procedures for storing, handling and disposing of these hazardous materials, we cannot completely eliminate the risk of accidental contamination or injury from those hazardous materials. We maintain professional liability insurance with coverage that we believe is consistent with industry practice and appropriate in light of the risks attendant to our business. However, in the event of an accident, we could be held liable for any damages that result, and any liability could exceed the limits or fall outside the coverage of our insurance. We may not be able to maintain insurance on acceptable terms, or at all. We could incur significant costs and the diversion of our management s attention in order to comply with current or future environmental, health and safety laws and regulations.

We may not be able to achieve the expected benefits from future acquisitions, which would adversely affect our financial condition and results.

We have historically relied on acquisitions as a method of expanding our business. In addition, we will consider future acquisitions as opportunities arise. If we do not successfully integrate acquisitions, we may not realize anticipated operating advantages and cost savings. The integration of companies that have previously operated separately involves a number of risks, including:

demands on management related to the increase in our size after an acquisition;

the diversion of management s attention from the management of daily operations to the integration of operations;

difficulties in the assimilation and retention of employees;

potential adverse effects on operating results; and

challenges in retaining clients.

We may not be able to maintain the levels of operating efficiency acquired companies have achieved or might achieve separately. Successful integration of each of their operations will depend upon our ability to manage those operations and to eliminate redundant and excess costs. Because of difficulties in combining operations, we may not be able to achieve the cost savings and other size-related benefits that we hoped to achieve after these acquisitions, which would harm our financial condition and operating results.

Two of our stockholders and their affiliates beneficially own almost half of our outstanding shares of common stock and have the contractual right to designate members of our board of directors and board committees, and will therefore be able to exert significant influence over us, including with respect to change of control transactions.

As of April 16, 2010, funds managed by Oaktree Capital Management, LLC and MTS Health Investors, LLC (collectively the Oaktree Parties) beneficially owned approximately 46.4% of our outstanding shares of common stock. So long as they beneficially own at least 35% of our outstanding shares of common stock, the Oaktree Parties will have the right to designate three of the members of our board of directors.

As a result of the arrangements described above, the Oaktree Parties have the ability to exert significant influence on our management and operations, as well as matters requiring stockholder approval, including approving mergers, consolidations or sales of all or substantially all of our assets. In addition, in April 2010, provisions of a standstill agreement we entered into with the Oaktree Parties limiting their ability to acquire more than 49.9% of our outstanding common stock terminated. The interests of the Oaktree Parties may conflict with your interests.

Possible volatility in our stock price could negatively affect us and our stockholders.

The trading price of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange has fluctuated significantly in the past. During the period from January 1, 2007 through June 29, 2010, the trading price of our common stock fluctuated from a high of \$12.03 per share to a low of \$4.07 per share. In the past, we have experienced a drop in stock price following an announcement of disappointing earnings or earnings guidance. Any such announcement in the future could lead to a similar drop in stock price. The price of our common stock could also be subject to wide fluctuations in the future as a result of a number of other factors, including the following:

changes in expectations as to future financial performance or buy/sell recommendations of securities analysts;

our, or a competitor s, announcement of new products or services, or significant acquisitions, strategic partnerships, joint ventures or capital commitments; and

the operating and stock price performance of other comparable companies.

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In addition, the U.S. securities markets have experienced significant price and volume fluctuations. These fluctuations often have been unrelated to the operating performance of companies in these markets. Broad market and industry factors may lead to volatility in the price of our common stock, regardless of our operating performance. Moreover, our stock has limited trading volume, and this illiquidity may increase the volatility of our stock price.

In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of an individual company s securities, securities class action litigation often has been instituted against that company. The institution of similar litigation against us could result in substantial costs and a diversion of management s attention and resources, which could negatively affect our business, results of operations or financial condition.

Provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law and our organizational documents may discourage an acquisition of us.

In the future, we could become the subject of an unsolicited attempted takeover of our Company. Although an unsolicited takeover could be in the best interests of our stockholders, our organizational documents and the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware both contain provisions that will impede the removal of directors and may discourage a third-party from making a proposal to acquire us. For example, the provisions:

permit the board of directors to increase its own size and fill the resulting vacancies;

provide for a board composed of three classes of directors with each class serving a staggered three-year term;

authorize the issuance of additional shares of preferred stock in one or more series without a stockholder vote; and

establish an advance notice procedure for stockholder proposals to be brought before an annual meeting of our stockholders, including proposed nominations of persons for election to the board of directors.

Moreover, these provisions can only be amended by the vote of $66^2/3\%$ or more of our outstanding shares entitled to vote. Furthermore, we are subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which could have the effect of delaying or preventing a change in control.

Risks Related to Government Regulation of Our Business

The regulatory and political framework is uncertain and evolving.

Healthcare laws and regulations may change significantly in the future which could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. We continuously monitor these developments and modify our operations from time to time as the legislative and regulatory environment changes.

In March 2010, the President signed one of the most significant health care reform measures in decades. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended by the Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act (collectively, the PPACA), substantially changes the way health care is financed by both governmental and private insurers, including several payment reforms that establish payments to hospitals and physicians based in part on quality measures, and may significantly impact our industry. The PPACA requires, among other things, payment rates for services using imaging equipment that costs over \$1 million to be calculated using revised equipment usage assumptions and reduced payment rates for imaging services paid under the Medicare Part B fee schedule. The current 50% usage assumption rate would be replaced with a 75% usage rate for such equipment for services furnished on or after January 1, 2011. In addition, the PPACA changes the technical component discount on imaging of contiguous body parts during a single imaging session from 25% to 50%, as mandated by the DRA. We are unable to predict what effect the PPACA or other healthcare reform measures that may be adopted in the future will have on our business. The federal government will, however,

have greater involvement in the healthcare industry than in prior years, and such greater involvement may adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Complying with federal and state regulations is an expensive and time-consuming process, and any failure to comply could result in substantial penalties.

We are directly or indirectly through our clients subject to extensive regulation by both the federal government and the states in which we conduct our business, including the federal Anti-Kickback Law and similar state anti-kickback laws, the Stark Law and similar state laws affecting physician referrals, the federal False Claims Act, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009, and similar state laws addressing privacy and security, state unlawful practice of medicine and fee splitting laws, state certificate of need laws, the Medicare and Medicaid statutes and regulations, the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, and requirements for handling biohazardous and radioactive materials and wastes.

Both federal and state government agencies have heightened and coordinated civil and criminal enforcement efforts as part of numerous ongoing investigations of health care companies, as well as their executives and managers. These investigations relate to a wide variety of matters, including referral and billing practices. The Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) have, from time to time, established national enforcement initiatives that focus on specific billing practices or other suspected areas of abuse. Some of our activities could become the subject of governmental investigations or inquiries.

If our operations are found to be in violation of any of the laws and regulations to which we or our clients are subject, we may be subject to the applicable penalty associated with the violation, including civil and criminal penalties, damages, fines and the curtailment of our operations. Any penalties, damages, fines or curtailment of our operations, individually or in the aggregate, could adversely affect our ability to operate our business and our financial results. Our risk of being found in violation of these laws and regulations is increased by the fact that many of them have not been fully interpreted by the regulatory authorities or the courts, and their provisions are open to a variety of interpretations. Any action against us for violation of these laws or regulations, even if we successfully defend against it, could cause us to incur significant legal expenses and divert management s attention from the operation of our business. For a more detailed discussion of the various state and federal regulations to which we are subject see Business Regulation, Business Reimbursement and Business Environmental, Health and Safety Laws.

Federal and state anti-kickback and anti-self-referral laws may adversely affect our operations and income.

Various federal and state laws govern financial arrangements among health care providers. The federal Anti-Kickback Law prohibits the knowing and willful offer, payment, solicitation or receipt of any form of remuneration in return for, or to induce, the referral of Medicare, Medicaid or other federal healthcare program patients, or in return for, or to induce, the purchase, lease or order of items or services that are covered by Medicare, Medicaid or other federal healthcare programs. Further, the recently enacted PPACA, among other things, amends the intent requirement of the federal anti-kickback and criminal health care fraud statutes. A person or entity no longer needs to have actual knowledge of this statute or specific intent to violate it. In addition, the PPACA provides that the government may assert that a claim including items or services resulting from a violation of the federal anti-kickback statute constitutes a false or fraudulent claim for purposes of the false claims statutes. Many state laws also prohibit the solicitation, payment or receipt of remuneration in return for, or to induce, the referral of patients in private as well as government programs. Violation of these laws may result in substantial civil or criminal penalties and/or exclusion from participation in federal or state healthcare programs. We believe that we are operating in compliance with applicable laws and believe that our arrangements with providers would not be found to violate the federal and state anti-kickback laws. However, these laws could be interpreted in a manner that could have an adverse effect on our operations.

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The Stark Law prohibits a physician from referring Medicare or Medicaid patients to any entity for certain designated health services (including MRI and other diagnostic imaging services) if the physician has a prohibited financial relationship with that entity, unless an exception applies. In addition, effective January 1, 2010, as a component for satisfying the Stark exception for in-office ancillary services, the PPACA requires physicians who refer a patient for MRI, CT, PET and any other designated health service to inform the patient in writing at the time of the referral that the patient may obtain such services from a person other than the in-office provider, and provide the patient with a written list of suppliers who furnish such services in the area in which the patient resides. Although we believe that our operations do not violate the Stark Law, our activities may be challenged. If a challenge to our activities is successful, it could have an adverse effect on our operations. In addition, legislation may be enacted in the future that further addresses Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse or that imposes additional requirements or burdens on us.

A number of states in which our diagnostic imaging centers are located have adopted a form of anti-kickback law and/or Stark Law. The scope of these laws and the interpretations of them vary from state to state and are enforced by state courts and regulatory authorities, each with broad discretion. A determination of liability under the laws described in this risk factor could result in fines and penalties and restrictions on our ability to operate in these jurisdictions.

In addition, under the DRA, states are encouraged to adopt false claims acts, similar to the federal False Claims Act, which establish liability for submission of fraudulent claims to the State Medicaid program and contain qui tam or whistleblower provisions. States enacting such false claims statutes will receive an increased percentage of any recovery from a State Medicaid judgment or settlement. Adoption of new false claims statutes in states where we operate may impose additional requirements or burdens on us.

Healthcare reform legislation and regulations could impact our operations or limit the prices we can charge for our services, which would reduce our revenues and harm our operating results.

In addition to extensive existing government healthcare regulation, there have been and continue to be numerous initiatives at the federal and state levels for reforms affecting the payment for and availability of healthcare services, including proposals that would significantly limit reimbursement under the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Limitations on reimbursement amounts and other cost containment pressures have in the past resulted in a decrease in the revenue we receive for each scan we perform. For example, the PPACA, which was signed into law in March 2010, contains provisions affecting Medicare payment for imaging services. At this time, we cannot predict what effect the PPACA or other healthcare reform measures that may be adopted in the future, if any, will have on the demand for our services or the revenue per procedure that we can collect.

Regulations published in November 2006 by CMS identify 14 supplier standards applicable to independent diagnostic testing facilities, or IDTFs, which include some of our facilities. CMS designed these standards to ensure that minimum quality standards are met to protect Medicare beneficiaries. If an IDTF fails to meet one or more of the standards at the time of enrollment or re-enrollment, then its application will be denied or the agency will revoke an IDTF s billing privileges. These standards went into effect on January 1, 2007, and IDTFs must meet these standards to obtain or retain enrollment in the Medicare program. CMS published additional regulatory provisions in November 2007 and November 2008 that revised the existing IDTF standards and also created several additional standards. These changes went into effect on January 1, 2008 and January 1, 2009, respectively. To the extent that CMS publishes interpretations of these standards that are more restrictive than the standards described in the agency s published rules, our business could be adversely impacted. At this time, we cannot predict the impact that these new standards will have on our business.

The application or repeal of state certificate of need regulations could harm our business and financial results.

Some states require a certificate of need or similar regulatory approval prior to the acquisition of high-cost capital items, including diagnostic imaging systems or provision of diagnostic imaging services by us or our

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clients. Twenty-one of the 45 states in which we operate require a certificate of need and more states may adopt similar licensure frameworks in the future. In many cases, a limited number of these certificates are available in a given state. If we are unable to obtain the applicable certificate or approval or additional certificates or approvals necessary to expand our operations, these regulations may limit or preclude our operations in the relevant jurisdictions.

Conversely, states in which we have obtained a certificate of need may repeal existing certificate of need regulations or liberalize exemptions from the regulations. For example, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, New York, Ohio and Tennessee have liberalized exemptions from certificate of need programs. The repeal of certificate of need regulations in states in which we have obtained a certificate of need or a certificate of need exemption would lower barriers to entry for competition in those states and could adversely affect our business.

If we fail to comply with various licensure, certification and accreditation standards, we may be subject to loss of licensure, certification or accreditation which would adversely affect our operations.

All of the states in which we operate require that the imaging technologists that operate our computed tomography, single photon emission computed tomography and positron emission tomography systems be licensed or certified. Also, each of our retail sites must continue to meet various requirements in order to receive payments from the Medicare program. In addition, we are currently accredited by The Joint Commission, an independent, non-profit organization that accredits various types of healthcare providers such as hospitals, nursing homes and providers of diagnostic imaging services. In the healthcare industry, various types of organizations are accredited to meet certain Medicare certification requirements, expedite third-party payments and fulfill state licensure requirements. Some managed care providers prefer to contract with accredited organizations. Any lapse in our licenses, certifications or accreditations, or those of our technologists, or the failure of any of our retail sites to satisfy the necessary requirements under Medicare could adversely affect our operations and financial results.

Risks Related to the Notes

If you do not exchange your private notes pursuant to this exchange offer, you may not be able to sell your notes.

It may be difficult for you to sell private notes that are not exchanged in the exchange offer. Those private notes may not be offered or sold unless they are registered or there are exemptions from the registration requirements under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws.

If you do not tender your private notes or if we do not accept some of your private notes, those notes will continue to be subject to the transfer and exchange restrictions in:

the indenture;

the legend on the private notes; and

the offering memorandum relating to the private notes.

The restrictions on transfer of your private notes arise because we issued the private notes pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. In general, you may only offer or sell the private notes if they are registered under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws, or offered and sold pursuant to an exemption from such requirements. We do not intend to register the private notes under the Securities Act. To the extent private notes are tendered and accepted in the exchange offer, the trading market, if any, for untendered private notes would be adversely affected.

If the procedures for tendering your private notes in this exchange offer are not followed, you may not receive notes in exchange for your private notes.

We will issue the notes in exchange for your private notes only if you tender the private notes and deliver a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal and other required documents before expiration of the exchange offer. You should allow sufficient time to ensure timely delivery of the necessary documents. Neither the exchange agent nor we are under any duty to give notification of defects or irregularities with respect to the tenders of private notes for exchange. If you are the beneficial holder of private notes that are registered in the name of your broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee, and you wish to tender private notes in the exchange offer, you should promptly contact the person in whose name your private notes are registered and instruct that person to tender your private notes on your behalf.

We have restricted access to the cash flows and assets of our subsidiaries which may prevent us from making principal and interest payments on the notes.

Although a substantial portion of our business is conducted through our subsidiaries, none of our subsidiaries will have any obligation, contingent or otherwise, to make any funds available to us for payment of the principal of, and the interest on, the notes. Accordingly, our ability to pay the principal of, and the interest on, the notes is dependent upon the earnings of our subsidiaries and the distribution of funds from our subsidiaries. Furthermore, our subsidiaries will be permitted under the terms of the indenture to incur certain additional indebtedness that may require substantial interest payments. There can be no assurance that our operations, independent of our subsidiaries, will generate sufficient cash flow to support payment of principal of, and interest on, the notes, or that dividends, distributions or loans will be available from our subsidiaries to fund these payments.

The notes are structurally subordinated to the liabilities of our subsidiaries.

None of our subsidiaries has guaranteed our obligations to make payments on the notes. In the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization of any of our subsidiaries, their creditors will generally be entitled to payment of their claims from their assets before any assets are made available for a distribution to us for any purpose, including payments on the notes. As a result, the notes are structurally subordinated to the liabilities and guarantees of indebtedness of our subsidiaries, which totaled \$486.1 million (of which \$458.9 million represents guarantees of our credit facility) outstanding as of March 31, 2010. In the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization of any of our subsidiaries, we and our creditors, including the holders of the notes, will have no right to proceed against the assets of our subsidiaries or to cause the liquidation or bankruptcy of these subsidiaries under bankruptcy laws.

Payment of principal and interest on the notes will be effectively subordinated to our secured debt to the extent of the value of the assets securing that debt.

The notes are effectively subordinated to claims of our secured creditors to the extent of the value of the assets securing such claims. As of March 31, 2010, we had \$458.9 million of borrowings outstanding under our credit, approximately \$4.4 million of letters of credit outstanding and approximately \$115.6 million of additional borrowing capacity under our credit facility to which the notes are or would be effectively subordinated to the extent of the value of the assets securing our credit facility. Holders of our secured obligations, including obligations under our credit facility, will have claims that are prior to claims of the holders of the notes with respect to the assets securing those obligations. In the event of a liquidation, dissolution, reorganization, bankruptcy or any similar proceeding, our assets and those of our subsidiaries will be available to pay obligations on the notes and the note guarantees only after holders of our senior secured debt have been paid the value of the assets securing such obligations. Accordingly, there may not be sufficient funds remaining to pay amounts due on all or any of the notes.

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We may not be able to repurchase notes upon a change of control, which would be an event of default under the indenture.

Upon the occurrence of specific kinds of change of control events, we will be required to offer to repurchase all of the outstanding notes. The terms of the notes may not protect you if we undergo a highly leveraged transaction, reorganization, restructuring, merger or similar transaction that may adversely affect you unless the transaction is included in the definition of a change of control. Our credit facility restricts us from repurchasing the notes without the approval of the lenders. In addition, it is possible that we will not have sufficient funds at the time of the change of control to make the required repurchase of notes or that other restrictions in our credit facility and the notes will not allow these repurchases. Our failure to repurchase the notes would constitute an event of default under the indenture which would in turn result in an event of default under our credit facility, in which case the lenders under our credit facility could cause all indebtedness under our credit facility to become due and payable.

An active trading market may not develop for the notes.

There is no existing trading market for the notes. We do not intend to apply for listing of the notes, on any securities exchange or for quotation on the Nasdaq National Market.

The liquidity of any market for the notes will depend on a number of factors, including:

the number of holders of the notes;	
our performance;	
the market for similar securities;	
the interest of securities dealers in making a market in the notes; and	
prevailing interest rates. An active market for the notes may not develop and, if it develops, it may not continue.	

If a bankruptcy petition were filed by or against us, you may receive a lesser amount for your claim than you would be entitled to receive under the indenture governing the notes.

If a bankruptcy petition were filed by or against us under the United States Bankruptcy Code after the issuance of the notes, the claim by any holder of the notes for the principal amount of the notes may be limited to an amount equal to the sum of:

The original issue price for the notes; and

that portion of the original issue discount that does not constitute unmatured interest for purposes of the United States Bankruptcy

Any original issue discount that was not amortized as of the date of the bankruptcy filing would constitute unmatured interest. Accordingly, holders of the notes under these circumstances may receive a lesser amount than they would be entitled to under the terms of the indenture governing the notes, even if sufficient funds are available.

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THE EXCHANGE OFFER

Purpose of the Exchange Offer

We issued \$190,000,000 of the private notes on November 19, 2009 to Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Barclays Capital Inc, the initial purchasers, pursuant to a purchase agreement. The initial purchasers subsequently sold the private notes to qualified institutional buyers, as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act, in reliance on Rule 144A, and outside the United States under Regulation S of the Securities Act. As a condition to the sale of the private notes, we entered into a registration rights agreement with the initial purchasers on December 1, 2009. Pursuant to the registration rights agreement, we agreed that we would:

- (1) file an exchange offer registration statement with the SEC on or prior to April 30, 2010;
- (2) use our commercially reasonable efforts to have the exchange offer registration statement declared effective by the SEC on or prior to July 29, 2010;
- (3) keep the exchange offer open for a period of not less than the minimum period required under applicable law, but in no event for less than 20 business days; and
- (4) use our commercially reasonable efforts to consummate the exchange offer on the earliest practicable date after the exchange offer registration statement has become effective, but in no event later than August 28, 2010.

Upon the effectiveness of the exchange offer registration statement, we will offer the exchange notes in exchange for the private notes. A copy of the registration rights agreement is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

Resale of the Exchange Notes

Based upon an interpretation by the staff of the SEC contained in no-action letters issued to third parties, we believe that you may exchange private notes for exchange notes in the ordinary course of business. For further information on the SEC s position, see *Exxon Capital Holdings Corporation*, available May 13, 1988, *Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated*, available June 5, 1991 and *Shearman & Sterling*, available July 2, 1993, and other interpretive letters to similar effect. You will be allowed to resell exchange notes to the public without further registration under the Securities Act and without delivering to purchasers of the exchange notes a prospectus that satisfies the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act so long as you do not participate, do not intend to participate, and have no arrangement with any person to participate, in a distribution of the exchange notes. However, the foregoing does not apply to you if you are: a broker-dealer who purchased the private notes directly from us to resell pursuant to Rule 144A or any other available exemption under the Securities Act; or you are an affiliate of ours within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act.

In addition, if you are a broker-dealer, or you acquire exchange notes in the exchange offer for the purpose of distributing or participating in the distribution of the exchange notes, you cannot rely on the position of the staff of the SEC contained in the no-action letters mentioned above and must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any resale transaction, unless an exemption from registration is otherwise available.

Each broker-dealer that receives exchange notes for its own account in exchange for private notes, which the broker-dealer acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of the exchange notes. By delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act. A broker-dealer may use this prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, in connection with resales of exchange notes received in exchange for private notes which the broker-dealer acquired as a result of market-making or other trading activities.

Terms of the Exchange Offer

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions described in this prospectus and in the accompanying letter of transmittal, which together constitute the exchange offer, we will accept any and all private notes validly tendered and not withdrawn before the expiration date. We will issue \$1,000 principal amount of exchange notes in exchange for each \$1,000 principal amount of outstanding private notes surrendered pursuant to the exchange offer. You may tender private notes only in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

The form and terms of the exchange notes are the same as the form and terms of the private notes except that:

we will register the exchange notes under the Securities Act and, therefore, the exchange notes will not bear legends restricting their transfer; and

holders of the exchange notes will not be entitled to any of the rights of holders of private notes under the registration rights agreement, which rights will generally terminate upon the completion of the exchange offer.

The exchange notes will evidence the same debt as the private notes and will be issued under the same indenture, so the exchange notes and the private notes will be treated as a single class of debt securities under the indenture.

As of the date of this prospectus, \$190,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the private notes are outstanding and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, or DTC. Only registered holders of the private notes, or their legal representative or attorney-in-fact, as reflected on the records of the trustee under the indenture, may participate in the exchange offer. We will not set a fixed record date for determining registered holders of the private notes entitled to participate in the exchange offer.

You do not have any appraisal or dissenters—rights under the indenture in connection with the exchange offer. We intend to conduct the exchange offer in accordance with the provisions of the registration rights agreement and the applicable requirements of the Securities Act, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), and the rules and regulations of the SEC.

We will be deemed to have accepted validly tendered private notes when, as and if we had given oral or written notice of acceptance to the Exchange Agent. The Exchange Agent will act as your agent for the purposes of receiving the exchange notes from us.

If you tender private notes in the exchange offer you will not be required to pay brokerage commissions or fees or transfer taxes with respect to the exchange of private notes pursuant to the exchange offer. We will pay all charges and expenses, other than the applicable taxes described below under Fees and Expenses, in connection with the exchange offer.

Expiration Date; Extensions; Amendments

The term expiration date will mean 5:00 p.m., New York City time on , 2010, unless we, in our sole discretion, extend the exchange offer, in which case the term expiration date will mean the latest date and time to which we extend the exchange offer.

To extend the exchange offer, we will notify the Exchange Agent and each registered holder of any extension in writing by a press release or other public announcement before 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the next business day after the previously scheduled expiration date. The notice of extension will disclose the aggregate principal amount of the private notes that have been tendered as of the date of such notice.

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We reserve the right, in our reasonable discretion:

to delay accepting any private notes due to an extension of the exchange offer; or

if any conditions listed below under Conditions are not satisfied, to terminate the exchange offer in each case by giving written notice of the delay, extension or termination to the Exchange Agent and by press release or public announcement.

We will follow any delay in acceptance, extension or termination as promptly as practicable by written notice to the registered holders by a press release or other public announcement. If we amend the exchange offer in a manner we determine constitutes a material change, we will promptly disclose the amendment in a prospectus supplement that we will distribute to the registered holders. We will also extend the exchange offer for a period of five to ten business days, depending upon the significance of the amendment and the manner of disclosure, if the exchange offer would otherwise expire during the five to ten business day period.

Interest on the Exchange Notes

The exchange notes will bear interest at the same rate and on the same terms as the private notes. Consequently, the exchange notes will bear interest at a rate equal to 8.00% per annum (calculated using a 360-day year). Interest will be payable semi-annually on each June 1 and December 1.

You will receive interest on , 2010 from the date of initial issuance of the exchange notes, plus an amount equal to the accrued interest on the private notes from , to the date of exchange. We will deem the right to receive any interest accrued on the private notes waived by you if we accept your private notes for exchange.

Procedures for Tendering

Valid Tender

Except as described below, a tendering holder must, prior to the expiration date, transmit to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., the Exchange Agent, at the address listed under the heading Exchange Agent:

a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal, including all other documents required by the letter of transmittal; or

if the private notes are tendered in accordance with the book-entry procedures listed below, an agent s message. In addition, a tendering holder must:

deliver certificates, if any, for the private notes to the Exchange Agent at or before the expiration date; or

deliver a timely confirmation of book-entry transfer of the private notes into the Exchange Agent s account at DTC, the book-entry transfer facility, along with the letter of transmittal or an agent s message; or

comply with the guaranteed delivery procedures described below.

The term agent s message means a message, transmitted by DTC to and received by the Exchange Agent and forming a part of a book-entry confirmation, that states that DTC has received an express acknowledgment that the tendering holder agrees to be bound by the letter of

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transmittal and that we may enforce the letter of transmittal against this holder.

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If the letter of transmittal is signed by a person other than the registered holder of private notes, the letter of transmittal must be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer or exchange in satisfactory form duly executed by the registered holder with the signature guaranteed by an eligible institution. The private notes must be endorsed or accompanied by appropriate powers of attorney. In either case, the private notes must be signed exactly as the name of any registered holder appears on the private notes.

If the letter of transmittal or any private notes or powers of attorney are signed by trustees, executors, administrators, guardians, attorneys-in-fact, officers of corporations or others acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, these persons should so indicate when signing. Unless waived by us, proper evidence satisfactory to us of their authority to so act must be submitted.

By tendering private notes pursuant to the exchange offer, each holder will represent to us that, among other things, the exchange notes are being acquired in the ordinary course of business of the person receiving the exchange notes, whether or not that person is the holder, and neither the holder nor the other person has any arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in the distribution of the exchange notes. In the case of a holder that is not a broker-dealer, that holder, by tendering private notes pursuant to the exchange offer, will also represent to us that the holder is not engaged in and does not intend to engage in a distribution of the exchange notes.

The method of delivery of private notes, letters of transmittal and all other required documents is at your election and risk. If the delivery is by mail, we recommend that you use registered mail, properly insured, with return receipt requested. In all cases, you should allow sufficient time to assure timely delivery. You should not send letters of transmittal or private notes to us.

If you are a beneficial owner whose private notes are registered in the name of a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee, and wish to tender, you should promptly instruct the registered holder to tender on your behalf. Any registered holder that is a participant in DTC s book-entry transfer facility system may make book-entry delivery of the private notes by causing DTC to transfer the private notes into the Exchange Agent s account, including by means of DTC s Automated Tender Offer Program.

Signature Guarantees

Signatures on a letter of transmittal or a notice of withdrawal must be guaranteed, unless the private notes surrendered for exchange are tendered:

by a registered holder of the private notes who has not completed the box entitled Special Issuance Instructions or Special Delivery Instructions on the letter of transmittal; or

for the account of an eligible institution.

If signatures on a letter of transmittal or a notice of withdrawal are required to be guaranteed, the guarantees must be by an eligible institution. An eligible institution is an eligible guarantor institution meeting the requirements of the registrar for the notes, which requirements include membership or participation in the Security Transfer Agent Medallion Program, or STAMP, or such other signature guarantee program as may be determined by the registrar for the notes in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with the Exchange Act.

Book-Entry Transfer

The Exchange Agent will make a request to establish an account for the private notes at DTC for purposes of the exchange offer within two business days after the date of this prospectus. Any financial institution that is a participant in DTC s systems must make book-entry delivery of private notes by causing DTC to transfer those private notes into the Exchange Agent s account at DTC in accordance with DTC s procedure for transfer. The

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participant should transmit its acceptance to DTC at or prior to the expiration date or comply with the guaranteed delivery procedures described below. DTC will verify this acceptance, execute a book-entry transfer of the tendered private notes into the Exchange Agent s account at DTC and then send to the Exchange Agent confirmation of this book-entry transfer. The confirmation of this book-entry transfer will include an agent s message confirming that DTC has received an express acknowledgment from this participant that this participant has received and agrees to be bound by the letter of transmittal and that we may enforce the letter of transmittal against this participant.

Delivery of exchange notes issued in the exchange offer may be effected through book-entry transfer at DTC. However, the letter of transmittal or facsimile of it or an agent s message, with any required signature guarantees and any other required documents, must:

be transmitted to and received by the Exchange Agent at the address listed under Exchange Agent at or prior to the expiration date; or

comply with the guaranteed delivery procedures described below.

Delivery of documents to DTC in accordance with DTC s procedures does not constitute delivery to the Exchange Agent.

Guaranteed Delivery

If a registered holder of private notes desires to tender the private notes, and the private notes are not immediately available, or time will not permit the holder s private notes or other required documents to reach the Exchange Agent before the expiration date, or the procedure for book-entry transfer described above cannot be completed on a timely basis, a tender may nonetheless be made if:

the tender is made through an eligible institution;

prior to the expiration date, the Exchange Agent received from an eligible institution a properly completed and duly executed notice of guaranteed delivery, substantially in the form provided by us, by facsimile transmission, mail or hand delivery:

- 1. stating the name and address of the holder of private notes and the amount of private notes tendered;
- 2. stating that the tender is being made; and
- 3. guaranteeing that within three New York Stock Exchange trading days after the expiration date, the certificates for all physically tendered private notes, in proper form for transfer, or a book-entry confirmation, as the case may be, and a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal, or an agent s message, and any other documents required by the letter of transmittal will be deposited by the eligible institution with the exchange agent; and

the certificates for all physically tendered private notes, in proper form for transfer, or a book-entry confirmation, as the case may be, and a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal, or any agent s message, and all other documents required by the letter of transmittal, are received by the Exchange Agent within three New York Stock Exchange trading days after the expiration date.

Determination of Validity

We will determine in our sole discretion all questions as to the validity, form and eligibility of private notes tendered for exchange. This discretion extends to the determination of all questions concerning the timing of receipts and acceptance of tenders. These determinations will be final and binding. We reserve the right to reject any particular private note not properly tendered or of which our acceptance might, in our

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judgment or our counsel s judgment, be unlawful. We also reserve the right to waive any defects or irregularities or conditions of

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the exchange offer as to any particular private note either before or after the expiration date, including the right to waive the ineligibility of any tendering holder. Our interpretation of the terms and conditions of the exchange offer as to any particular private note either before or after the expiration date, including the letter of transmittal and the instructions to the letter of transmittal, shall be final and binding on all parties. Unless waived, any defects or irregularities in connection with tenders of private notes must be cured within a reasonable period of time.

Neither we, the Exchange Agent nor any other person will be under any duty to give notification of any defect or irregularity in any tender of private notes. Moreover, neither we, the Exchange Agent nor any other person will incur any liability for failing to give notification of any defect or irregularity.

Other Rights

While we have no present plan to acquire any private notes that are not tendered in the exchange offer or to file a registration statement to permit resales of any private notes that are not tendered in the exchange offer, we reserve the right in our sole discretion to purchase or make offers for any private notes that remain outstanding after the expiration date. We also reserve the right to terminate the exchange offer, as described below under Conditions, and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, purchase private notes in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. The terms of any of those purchases or offers could differ from the terms of the exchange offer.

Acceptance of Private Notes for Exchange; Issuance of Exchange Notes

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the exchange offer, we will accept, promptly after the expiration date, all private notes properly tendered. We will issue the exchange notes promptly after acceptance of the private notes. For purposes of the exchange offer, we will be deemed to have accepted properly tendered private notes for exchange when, as and if we have given oral or written notice to the Exchange Agent, with prompt written confirmation of any oral notice.

In all cases, issuance of exchange notes for private notes will be made only after timely receipt by the Exchange Agent of:

certificates for the private notes, or a timely book-entry confirmation of the private notes, into the Exchange Agent s account at the book-entry transfer facility;

a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal or an agent s message; and

all other required documents.

For each private note accepted for exchange, the holder of the private note will receive an exchange note having a principal amount equal to that of the surrendered private note.

Return of Notes

Unaccepted or non-exchanged private notes will be returned without expense to the tendering holder of the private notes. In the case of private notes tendered by book-entry transfer in accordance with the book-entry procedures described above, the non-exchanged private notes will be credited to an account maintained with DTC as promptly as practicable after the expiration or termination of the exchange offer.

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Withdrawal of Tenders

Except as otherwise provided in this prospectus, you may withdraw tenders of private notes at any time before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date.

For a withdrawal to be effective, the Exchange Agent must receive a written notice of withdrawal at the address or, in the case of eligible institutions, at the facsimile number, indicated under

Exchange Agent before the expiration date. Any notice of withdrawal must:

specify the name of the person, referred to as the depositor, having tendered the private notes to be withdrawn;

identify the private notes to be withdrawn, including the certificate number or numbers and principal amount of the private notes;

contain a statement that the holder is withdrawing its election to have the private notes exchanged;

be signed by the holder in the same manner as the original signature on the letter of transmittal by which the private notes were tendered, including any required signature guarantees, or be accompanied by documents of transfer to have the trustee with respect to the private notes register the transfer of the private notes in the name of the person withdrawing the tender; and

specify the name in which the private notes are registered, if different from that of the depositor.

If certificates for private notes have been delivered or otherwise identified to the Exchange Agent, then, prior to the release of these certificates the withdrawing holder must also submit the serial numbers of the particular certificates to be withdrawn and signed notice of withdrawal with signatures guaranteed by an eligible institution, unless this holder is an eligible institution. If private notes have been tendered in accordance with the procedure for book-entry transfer described above, any notice of withdrawal must specify the name and number of the account at the book-entry transfer facility to be credited with the withdrawn private notes.

We will determine in our sole discretion all questions as to the validity, form and eligibility of the notices, and our determination will be final and binding on all parties. We will not deem any properly withdrawn private notes to have been validly tendered for purposes of the exchange offer, and we will not issue exchange notes with respect to those private notes, unless you validly retender the withdrawn private notes. You may retender properly withdrawn private notes by following the procedures described above under

Procedures for Tendering at any time before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date.

Conditions

Notwithstanding any other term of the exchange offer, we will not be required to accept for exchange, or exchange the exchange notes for, any private notes, and may terminate the exchange offer as provided in this prospectus before the acceptance of the private notes, if, in our reasonable judgment, the exchange offer violates applicable law, rules or regulations or an applicable interpretation of the staff of the SEC.

If we determine in our reasonable discretion that any of these conditions are not satisfied, we may

refuse to accept any private notes and return all tendered private notes to you;

extend the exchange offer and retain all private notes tendered before the exchange offer expires, subject, however, to your rights to withdraw the private notes; or

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waive the unsatisfied conditions with respect to the exchange offer and accept all properly tendered private notes that have not been withdrawn.

If the waiver constitutes a material change to the exchange offer, we will promptly disclose the waiver by means of a prospectus supplement that we will distribute to the registered holders of the private notes, and we

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will extend the exchange offer for a period of five to 10 business days, depending upon the significance of the waiver and the manner of disclosure to the registered holders, if the exchange offer would otherwise expire during the five to 10 business day period.

Termination of Rights

All of your rights under the registration rights agreement will terminate upon consummation of the exchange offer except with respect to our continuing obligations:

to indemnify you and parties related to you against liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act; and

to provide, upon your request, the information required by Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act to permit resales of the notes pursuant to Rule 144A.

Shelf Registration

If:

- (1) we are not permitted to consummate the exchange offer because the exchange offer is not permitted by applicable law or applicable interpretation of the Staff of the SEC; or
- (2) any holder of transfer restricted securities notifies us within twenty (20) business days following consummation of the exchange offer that:
 - (A) the holder is not permitted by law or SEC policy to participate in the exchange offer,
 - (B) the holder is not permitted to resell the exchange notes acquired by it in the exchange offer to the public without delivering a prospectus and this prospectus is not available for resales by the holder, or
- (C) the holder is a broker-dealer and holds notes acquired directly from us or any of our affiliates, we will file with the SEC a shelf registration statement to cover resales of the private notes by the holders thereof who satisfy certain conditions relating to the provision of information in connection with the shelf registration statement.

For purposes of the preceding, transfer restricted securities means each private note until:

- (1) the date on which such note has been exchanged by a person other than a broker-dealer for an exchange note in the exchange offer and entitled to be resold to the public by the holder thereof without complying with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act;
- (2) following the exchange by a broker-dealer in the exchange offer of a private note for an exchange note, the date on which such exchange note is sold to a purchaser who receives from such broker-dealer on or prior to the date of such sale a copy of the prospectus contained in the exchange offer registration statement;

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- (3) the date on which such private note has been registered under the Securities Act and disposed of in accordance with the shelf registration statement; or
- (4) the date on which such private note is distributed to the public pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act. **Liquidated Damages**

If:

(1) we fail to file any of the registration statements required by the registration rights agreement on or before the date specified for such filing:

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- (2) any of such registration statements is not declared effective by the SEC on or prior to the date specified for such effectiveness;
- (3) the exchange offer has not been consummated on or prior to the date specified for such consummation; or
- (4) the shelf registration statement or the exchange offer registration statement is declared effective but ceases to be effective or fails to be usable for its intended purpose without being succeeded within two (2) business days by a post-effective amendment to such registration statement that cures such failure and that is itself declared effective within two (2) business days of filing such post-effective amendment to such registration statement (each such event referred to in clauses (1) through (4) above, a registration default);

then we will pay to each holder of the transfer restricted securities affected thereby liquidated damages. Liquidated damages shall accrue at an annual rate of 0.25% of the aggregate principal amount of transfer restricted securities on the date of such registration default, payable in cash semi-annually in arrears on each interest payment date, commencing on the date of such registration default. All accrued liquidated damages will be paid to the holders entitled thereto, in the manner provided for the payment of interest in the indenture, on each interest payment date, as more fully set forth in the indenture and the notes. Notwithstanding the fact that any securities for which liquidated damages are due cease to be transfer restricted securities, all obligations of the Company to pay liquidated damages with respect to securities shall survive until such time as such obligations with respect to such securities shall have been satisfied in full.

Exchange Agent

We have appointed The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Exchange Agent for the exchange offer. All executed letters of transmittal and any other required documents should be directed to the Exchange Agent at the address or facsimile number set forth below. You should direct questions and requests for assistance and requests for additional copies of this prospectus or of the letter of transmittal and requests for notices of guaranteed delivery to the Exchange Agent addressed as follows:

The Bank of New York Mellon

Corporate Trust Operations

Reorganization Unit

101 Barclay Street 7 East

New York, N.Y. 10286

Attn: Mrs. Diane Amoroso

Telephone: (212)-815-2742

Fax: (212)-298-1915

Delivery to an address other than the one stated above or transmission via a facsimile number other than the one stated above will not constitute a valid delivery.

Fees and Expenses

We will bear the expenses of soliciting tenders. We are making the principal solicitation by mail; however, our officers and regular employees may make additional solicitations by facsimile, telephone or in person.

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

We will pay the cash expenses incurred in connection with the exchange offer which we estimate to be approximately \$250,000. These expenses include registration fees, fees and expenses of the Exchange Agent and the trustee, accounting and legal fees and printing costs, among others.

We will pay all transfer taxes, if any, applicable to the exchange of notes pursuant to the exchange offer. If, however, exchange notes are to be delivered to, or are to be issued in the name of, any person other than the registered holder of the private notes tendered, or if a transfer tax is imposed for any reason other than the exchange of private notes in connection with the exchange offer, then the amount of any such transfer taxes (whether imposed on the registered holder or any other persons) will be payable by the tendering holder. If satisfactory evidence of payment of such taxes or exemption therefrom is not submitted with the letter of transmittal, the amount of such transfer taxes will be billed directly to such tendering holder.

Consequence of Failures to Exchange

Participation in the exchange offer is voluntary. We urge you to consult your financial and tax advisors in making your decisions on what action to take. Private notes that are not exchanged for exchange notes pursuant to the exchange offer will remain restricted securities. Accordingly, those private notes may be resold only:

to a person whom the seller reasonably believes is a qualified institutional buyer in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A;

in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144 under the Securities Act;

outside the United States to a foreign person in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 903 or 904 of Regulation S under the Securities Act;

in accordance with another exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and based upon an opinion of counsel if we so request;

to us; or

pursuant to an effective registration statement.

In each case, the private notes may be resold only in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States or any other applicable jurisdiction.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

The exchange offer is intended to satisfy an obligation under the registration rights agreement. We will not receive any cash proceeds from the exchange offer.

CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and capitalization as of March 31, 2010. You should read this table together with Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, Selected Consolidated Financial Data and our financial statements and the related notes included elsewhere or incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

	As of March 31, 2010 Actual (in thousands)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	114,197
Long-term debt, including current portion:		
New credit facility(1)	\$	458,850
Revolving credit facility(2)		
8% senior notes due 2016 offered in the private offering(3)		190,000
7 ¹ / % senior subordinated notes due 2012(4)		
Equipment debt		22,380
Total long-term debt		671,230
Stockholders equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value: 1,000,000 shares authorized and no shares issued and outstanding		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value: 100,000,000 shares authorized, 51,865,133 shares issued and outstanding, actual and		
as adjusted		523
Less: treasury stock, at cost 386,703 shares		(2,333)
Additional paid-in capital		12,229
Accumulated comprehensive loss		(1,897)
Retained Earnings		19,314
Total stockholders equity attributable to Alliance HealthCare Services, Inc.		27,836
Noncontrolling interest		6,439
Total stockholders equity		34,275
Total capitalization	\$	705,505

- (1) Excludes the effect of approximately \$8.8 million of original issue discount.
- (2) We have up to \$120.0 million available for borrowing under the New Revolving Credit Facility, which is undrawn as of the March 31, 2010, except to support undrawn letters of credit of \$4.4 million.
- (3) Excludes the effect of approximately \$2.4 million of original issue discount. The notes offered hereby replace the private notes in the same amount
- (4) Balance was redeemed at par, together with accrued interest to the redemption date, in January 2010.

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SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

The selected consolidated financial data shown below for, and as of the end of, each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 2009 have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements. The selected consolidated financial data shown below for, and as of the end of, each of the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2010 have been derived from our unaudited consolidated financial information. Our unaudited consolidated financial information for each of the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2010 includes, in the opinion of management, all adjustments consisting of normal recurring adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the period. The results of interim periods are not indicative of our results for the full year. The selected consolidated financial data shown below should be read in conjunction with Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and our consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere herein or incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

		Year Ended December 31,				Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009	2010
Consolidated Statements of Operations			(uoi	llars in thousan	us)		
Data:							
Revenues	\$ 430,788	\$ 455,775	\$ 444,919	\$ 495,834	\$ 505,513	\$ 131,788	\$ 118,661
Costs and expenses:			,	,		,	,
Cost of revenues, excluding depreciation and							
amortization	226,294	244,254	235,471	261,753	270,381	68,879	65,226
Selling, general and administrative expenses	48,077	53,955	57,049	62,728	67,579	17,893	16,117
Transaction costs					893	431	351
Employment agreement costs	366						
Severances and related costs	826	745	682	636	1,404	182	462
Loss on extinguishment of debt				61	14,600		
Depreciation expense	82,505	83,397	82,703	87,728	94,918	23,650	23,691
Amortization expense	3,954	4,933	5,195	8,696	11,000	2,776	2,806
Interest expense and other, net	34,203	41,078	42,362	48,392	45,894	10,677	13,304
Other (income) and expense, net	(399)	45	(579)	(872)	(1,178)	(256)	(360)
Total costs and expenses	395,826	428,407	422,883	469,122	505,491	124,232	121,597
Income (loss) before income taxes, earnings from unconsolidated investees and							
noncontrolling interest, net of tax	34,962	27,368	22,036	26,712	22	7,556	(2,936)
Income tax expense (benefit)	14,758	12,032	11,644	11,764	308	3,161	(613)
Earnings from unconsolidated investees	(3,343)	(5,371)	(7,567)	(4,605)	(3,831)	(587)	(907)
Net income (loss)	23,547	20,707	17,959	19,553	3,545	4,982	(1,416)
Less: Net income attributable to	,	,	,	,	ĺ	,	
noncontrolling interest, net of tax	(1,718)	(2,075)	(1,727)	(3,030)	(3,064)	(654)	(747)
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Net income (loss) attributable to Alliance							
HealthCare Services, Inc.	\$ 21.829	\$ 18.632	\$ 16.232	\$ 16.523	\$ 481	\$ 4.328	\$ (2,163)
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Ratio of earnings to fixed charges(1)	2.0x	1.8x	1.6x	1.6x	1.1x	1.7x	
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data (at end of period):							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 13,421	\$ 16,440	\$ 120,892	\$ 73,305	\$ 111,884	\$ 91,109	\$ 114,197
Total assets	675,342	664,526	849,807	883,723	887,836	888,302	878,938
Long-term debt, including current maturities	579,582	529,425	670,796	662,562	667,890	665,925	660,038
Stockholders (deficit) equity	(35,856)	(12,598)	8,079	28,993	34,762	33,451	34,275

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(1) The ratio of earnings to fixed charges is computed by dividing earnings by fixed charges. For purposes of calculating the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings are defined as income before income taxes, plus noncontrolling interest, plus distributions from unconsolidated investees, plus fixed charges, less income from equity investments. Fixed charges are the sum of interest on all indebtedness, amortization of debt issuance costs, and estimated interest on rental expense. Earnings were inadequate to cover fixed charges by \$1.5 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2010.

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MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL

CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including those set forth under the headings' Cautionary Disclosure Regarding Forward-Looking Statements and Risks Factors' and elsewhere in this prospectus. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

Overview

We are a leading national provider of outpatient diagnostic imaging services, based upon annual revenue and number of diagnostic imaging systems deployed, and are a provider of radiation oncology services. Our principal sources of revenue are derived from magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and positron emission tomography/computed tomography (PET/CT). We provide imaging and therapeutic services primarily to hospitals and other healthcare providers on a shared-service and full-time service basis. We also provide services through a growing number of fixed-site imaging centers, primarily to hospitals or health systems. Our services normally include the use of our imaging systems, technologists to operate the systems, equipment maintenance and upgrades and management of day-to-day shared-service and fixed-site diagnostic imaging operations. We also provide non scan-based services, which include only the use of our imaging systems under a short-term contract. We have also leveraged our leadership in MRI and PET/CT to expand into radiation oncology. Our radiation oncology business is operated through our wholly-owned subsidiary, Alliance Oncology, LLC (AO), and includes a wide range of services for cancer patients covering initial consultation, preparation for treatment, simulation of treatment, actual radiation oncology delivery, therapy management and follow-up care. Our services include the use of our linear accelerators, therapists to operate such systems, administrative staff, equipment maintenance and upgrades, and management of day-to-day operations. We also provide stereotactic radiation oncology services through our wholly-owned subsidiary, Alliance Radiosurgery, LLC.

MRI, PET/CT and radiation oncology services generated 45%, 41% and 9% of our revenue, respectively, for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 and 48%, 39% and 7% of our revenue, respectively, for the quarter ended March 31, 2009. Our remaining revenue was comprised of other modality diagnostic imaging services revenue, primarily computed tomography (CT) and management contract revenue. We had 507 diagnostic imaging and radiation oncology systems, including 297 MRI systems and 125 positron emission tomography (PET) or PET/CT systems, and served over 1,000 clients in 45 states at March 31, 2010. We operated 119 fixed-site imaging centers (three in unconsolidated joint ventures), which constitute systems installed in hospitals or other medical buildings on or near hospital campuses, including modular buildings, systems installed inside medical groups offices, and free-standing fixed-site imaging centers, which include systems installed in a medical office building, ambulatory surgical center, or other retail space at March 31, 2010. Of the 119 fixed-site imaging centers, 93 were MRI fixed-site imaging centers, 19 were PET or PET/CT fixed-site imaging centers, four were other modality fixed-site imaging centers and three were in unconsolidated joint ventures. We also operated 25 radiation oncology centers and stereotactic radiosurgery facilities (including two radiation oncology centers in unconsolidated joint ventures) at March 31, 2010.

Approximately 81% and 80% of our revenues for each of the quarters ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, were generated by providing services to hospitals and other healthcare providers, which we refer to as wholesale revenues. Our wholesale revenues are typically generated from contracts that require our clients to pay us based on the number of scans we perform on patients on our clients behalf, although some pay us a flat fee for a period of time regardless of the number of scans we perform. Wholesale payments are due to us independent of our clients receipt of retail reimbursement from third-party payors, although receipt of reimbursement from third-party payors may affect demand for our services. We typically deliver our services for a set number of days per week through exclusive, long-term contracts with hospitals and other healthcare

providers. The initial terms of these contracts average approximately three years in length for mobile services and approximately five to 10 years in length for fixed-site arrangements. These contracts often contain automatic renewal provisions and certain contracts have cancellation clauses if the hospital or other healthcare provider purchases their own system. We price our contracts based on the type of system used, the scan volume, and the number of ancillary services provided. Pricing is also affected by competitive pressures.

Approximately 19% and 20% of our revenues for each of the quarters ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, were generated by providing services directly to patients from our sites located at or near hospitals or other healthcare provider facilities, which we refer to as retail revenue. Our revenue from these sites is generated from direct billings to patients or their third-party payors, including Medicare, which are recorded net of contractual discounts and other arrangements for providing services at discounted prices. We typically charge a higher price per scan under retail billing than we do under wholesale billing.

Fixed-site imaging centers and radiation oncology centers can be structured as either wholesale or retail arrangements. Our contracts for radiation oncology services average approximately 10 to 20 years in length. Revenues from these centers are included in either our wholesale or retail revenues.

For services for which we bill Medicare directly, we are paid under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule, which is updated on an annual basis. Under the Medicare statutory formula, payments under the Physician Fee Schedule would have decreased for the past several years if Congress failed to intervene. For example, for 2008, the fee schedule rates were to be reduced by approximately 10.1%. The Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 eliminated the 10.1% reduction for 2008 and increased the annual payment rate update by 0.5%. This increase to the annual Medicare Physician Fee Schedule payment update was effective only for Medicare claims with dates of service between January 1, 2008 and June 30, 2008. Beginning July 1, 2008, under the Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA), the 0.5% increase was continued for the rest of 2008. In addition, MIPPA established a 1.1% increase to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule payment update for 2009. For 2010, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) projected a rate reduction of 21.2% unless Congress intervened again to avoid the payment reduction. On December 19, 2009, President Obama signed into law the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010 (H.R. 3326) which includes a zero percent Medicare physician update through February 28, 2010. The zero percent update was further extended through March 31, 2010 and later through May 31, 2010 by the Temporary Extension Act of 2010 and the Continuing Extension Act of 2010, signed into law by President Obama on March 2, 2010 and April 15, 2010, respectively. Finally, a 2.2% increase to the payment rate, effective June 1, 2010 through November 30, 2010, was established by the Preservation of Access to Care for Medicare Beneficiaries and Pension Relief Act of 2010, signed into law on June 25, 2010. Although for 2011, CMS is projecting a rate reduction of 6.1%, this projection does not account for the recent legislative changes to the Physician Fee Schedule updates, as discussed above. In any event, if Congress fails to intervene to prevent the negative update factor in the future, the resulting decrease in payment will adversely impact our revenues and results of operations.

MIPPA also modified the methodology by which the budget neutrality formula was applied to the 2009 physician fee schedule payment rates, resulting in an overall reduction in payment rates for services performed by many specialties, including an estimated 3% reduction for radiation oncology and 1% reduction for nuclear medicine. The impact of the payment rates on specific companies depends on their service mix. We estimated decreases in rates for our radiation oncology business, but cannot predict the full impact the rate reductions will have on our future revenues or business. Also with respect to MIPPA, the legislation requires all suppliers that provide the technical component of diagnostic MRI, PET/CT, CT, and nuclear medicine to be accredited by an accreditation organization designated by CMS by January 1, 2012. On January 26, 2010, CMS initially approved the following designated accreditation organizations to accredit suppliers furnishing the technical component of all advanced imaging modalities (CT, nuclear medicine, PET and MRI) on or after January 1, 2010: The American College of Radiology (ACR), the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) and The Joint Commission. All our facilities are accredited by The Joint Commission.

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A number of other legislative changes impact our retail business. For example, the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA) imposed caps on Medicare payment rates for certain imaging services furnished in physician s offices and other non-hospital based settings. The caps impact MRI, PET/CT and certain imaging services performed in conjunction with radiation therapy, including certain image guided radiation therapy (IGRT) services and diagnostic imaging services used to plan intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT). Under the cap, payments for specified imaging services cannot exceed the hospital outpatient payment rates for those services. This change applies to services furnished on or after January 1, 2007. The limitation is applicable to the technical components of the diagnostic imaging services only, which is the payment we receive for the services for which we bill directly under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule. CMS issues on an annual basis the hospital outpatient prospective payment (HOPPS) rates, which are used to develop the caps. If the technical component of the service established under the Physician Fee Schedule (without including geographic adjustments) exceeds the hospital outpatient payment amount for the service (also without including geographic adjustments), then the payment is to be reduced. In other words, in those instances where the technical component for the particular service is greater for the non-hospital site, the DRA directs that the hospital outpatient payment rate be substituted for the otherwise applicable Physician Fee Schedule payment rate. The implementation of this reimbursement reduction contained in the DRA had a significant effect on our financial condition and results of operations in 2007, whereas the changes in 2008, 2009 and the first quarter of 2010 have been limited.

The DRA also codified the reduction in reimbursement for multiple images on contiguous body parts, which was previously announced by CMS. The DRA mandated payment at 100% of the technical component of the higher priced imaging procedure and 50% for the technical component of each additional imaging procedure for multiple images of contiguous body parts within a family of codes performed in the same session. Initially, CMS announced that it would phase in this reimbursement reduction over a two-year period. CMS implemented only the initial 25% reduction for each additional imaging procedure on contiguous body parts beginning 2006. For services furnished on or after July 1, 2010, the recently enacted Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended by the Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act (collectively, the PPACA), requires CMS to implement the full 50% reduction as mandated by the DRA. In its proposed Physician Fee Schedule for calendar year 2011, CMS also proposed a reduction in reimbursement to CT and CT angiography (CTA), MRI and MR angiography (MRA), and ultrasound procedures services furnished to the same patient in the same session, regardless of the imaging modality, and not limited to contiguous body areas. CMS projects that the proposed rule would reduce payment for 20% more services than the current multiple procedure payment reduction policy. CMS expects that the proposed rule would primarily reduce payments for radiology services and to freestanding diagnostic imaging centers, such as our retail business. At this time, we do not believe that the proposed multiple procedure payment reductions, if finalized, will have a material impact on our future retail revenues.

Regulatory updates to payment rates for which we bill the Medicare program directly are published annually by CMS. For payments under the Physician Fee Schedule for calendar year 2010, CMS changed the way it calculates components of the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule. As part of the changes, CMS reduced payment rates for certain diagnostic services using equipment costing more than \$1 million through revisions to usage assumptions from the current 50% usage rate to a 90% usage rate. An increase in usage rate generally corresponds to a decrease to the corresponding payment rate. This utilization change, to be phased in over a four-year period, applied to MRI and CT scans, but not for radiation therapy and other therapeutic equipment. The PPACA supersedes CMS s assumed usage rate for such equipment. Beginning on January 1, 2011, the PPACA requires CMS to use a 75% utilization rate. In addition, for 2011, CMS is proposing to expand the list of services to which the higher equipment utilization rate assumption applies to include certain diagnostic CTA and MRA procedures using similar CT and MRI scanners that cost more than \$1 million. A decrease in utilization rate generally corresponds to an increase to the payment rate. The OIG has stated that for 2010, it intends to focus on, among other things, the practice expense components, including the equipment utilization rate, for certain imaging services reimbursed under Medicare Physician Fee Schedule to determine whether Medicare payment reflects the actual expenses incurred and whether the utilization rate reflects current industry practices.

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Further with respect to its 2010 regulatory changes to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule, in addition to the changes to the usage assumptions, CMS s changes to services primarily involving the technical component rather than the physician work component were adjusted downward. The reductions primarily impact radiology and other diagnostic tests, including the services we provide. Some of the changes to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule are being transitioned over a four year period such that beginning in 2013, CMS will have fully implemented the revised payment rates. For the 2010 transition payment, CMS estimated that the impact of its changes (including the change in the usage assumption that has been superseded by PPACA) would result in a 1% reduction in radiation oncology, 5% reduction in radiology, 18% reduction in nuclear medicine and 12% reduction for all suppliers providing the technical component of diagnostic tests generally. These impacts are calculated prior to any application of the projected negative update factor of 21.2% related to MIPPA and may impact our future revenues. The PPACA changes to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule impact only the usage assumptions described above and therefore all other 2010 updates issued by CMS remain in place. If the CMS 2010 reimbursement rates had been in effect for full year 2009, we estimate that our annualized retail revenue related to MRI and radiation oncology would not have been materially impacted. At this time, we estimate that the new usage assumptions for MRI and CT scans under the PPACA, which is to take effect on January 1, 2011, will not have a material impact on our future retail revenues.

On June 25, 2010, CMS published its proposed regulatory changes to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule for calendar year 2011. The proposed rule would implement the second year of the four-year transitioned changes discussed above, CMS is also proposing to adjust upward two components of Medicare physician payment rates. These two components, the practice expense and malpractice expense, will be adjusted to reflect their growth relative to physician earnings. This would in turn result in a downward adjustment to the work expense component of the Medicare physician payment rates. Specialties that have a higher proportion of the payment rate attributable to practice expenses, such as radiation oncology, are estimated to experience an increase in aggregate payments. For the 2011 transitioned payment, CMS estimated that the impact of its proposed changes would result in a 2% increase in radiation oncology, 6% reduction in radiology, 3% reduction in nuclear medicine and 2% reduction for all suppliers providing the technical component of diagnostic tests generally. These impacts are calculated prior to any application of the projected negative update factor of 6.1% as described above. At this time, we do not believe that the proposed regulatory changes for the adjustments in practice expense, malpractice expense, and work expense components of the Medicare physician payment rates, if finalized, will have a material impact on our future retail revenues.

In addition to annual updates to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule, as indicated above, CMS also publishes regulatory changes to the HOPPS on an annual basis. These payments are the amounts received by our hospital clients for hospital outpatient services. For 2008, the national Medicare HOPPS payment rate for nonmyocardial PET and PET/CT scans was \$1,057 per scan and the national payment rate for myocardial PET scans was \$1,400 per scan. Effective January 1, 2008, CMS also bundled the PET and PET/CT payment for radiopharmaceuticals with the payment for the PET and PET/CT scan. In addition, CMS reduced the 2008 national Medicare HOPPS rate for MRI scans by approximately 3%. The 2008 national Medicare HOPPS payment rates for stereotactic radiosurgery treatment delivery services ranged from \$1,057 to \$8,055, depending on the level of service. For 2009, the payment rate for nonmyocardial PET and PET/CT scans was \$1,037 per scan. For myocardial PET procedures, the 2009 payment rate was \$1,157 per scan. For stereotactic radiosurgery treatment delivery services, the 2009 payment rates ranged from \$952 to \$7,642, depending on the level of service. On October 30, 2009, CMS released its 2010 national Medicare HOPPS payment rates, which went into effect January 1, 2010. For nonmyocardial PET and PET/CT, the 2010 payment rate is \$1,037 per scan. For myocardial PET procedures, the 2010 payment rate is \$1,433 per scan. For stereotactic radiosurgery treatment delivery services, the 2010 payment rates range from \$963 to \$7,344, depending on the level of service.

Combined, the DRA and PET and PET/CT Medicare HOPPS rate reductions did not have a material negative effect on revenue and earnings in 2008, 2009 or the first quarter of 2010. At this time, however, we cannot predict the impact the rate reductions will have on our future revenues or business.

Furthermore, with respect to the final Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Rule for calendar year 2009, CMS announced additional performance standards for suppliers of mobile diagnostic services. The final rule requires

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suppliers of mobile diagnostic services under certain circumstances to enroll in Medicare and bill directly for these services, regardless of where they are performed. An exception was made for services provided to hospital patients under arrangement with that hospital. In those circumstances, the mobile diagnostic facility would be required to enroll in Medicare, but the hospital would bill for the services. On December 15, 2008, CMS issued additional guidance that companies that lease or contract with a Medicare-enrolled provider or supplier to provide only diagnostic testing equipment and/or non-physician personnel are not required to enroll in Medicare. The agency nonetheless indicated that it is continuing to evaluate such arrangements. These policies have not significantly impacted our business.

Over the past few years, the growth rate of MRI industry wide scan volumes has slowed in part due to weak hospital volumes as reported by several investor- owned hospital companies, a growing number of medical groups adding imaging capacity within their practice setting and additional patient-related cost-sharing programs. In addition, there is an increasing trend of third- party payors intensifying their utilization management efforts, for example through benefit managers who require preauthorizations, to control the growth rate of imaging services generally. We expect that these trends will continue throughout 2010. In addition, we cannot predict the full extent of the PPACA on our business. The legislation substantially changes the way health care is financed by both governmental and private insurers and may negatively impact payment rates for certain imaging services. Nor can we predict at this time whether or the extent to which other proposed changes will be adopted, if any, or how these or future changes will affect the demand for our services.

We have experienced and continue to experience an increase in the competitive climate in the MRI industry, resulting in an increase in activity by original equipment manufacturers, or OEMs, selling systems directly to certain of our clients. Typically, OEMs target our higher scan volume clients. This increase in activity by OEMs has resulted in overcapacity of systems in the marketplace. This has caused an increase in the number of our higher scan volume clients deciding not to renew their contracts. We replace lost higher volume clients typically with lower volume clients. Our non-scan based MRI business has been impacted by a decline in the number of hospital construction projects, driven by a decrease in new MRI systems being added by hospitals in their facilities and a decrease in the number of equipment upgrades occurring in the hospital market. Our MRI revenues decreased in the first three months of 2010 compared to 2009 due to the factors described above, and we believe that MRI revenues will continue to decline in future years.

Recent global market and economic conditions have been unprecedented and challenging with tighter credit conditions and recession in most major economies continuing into 2010. Continued concerns about the systemic impact of potential long-term and wide-spread recession, inflation, energy costs, geopolitical issues, the availability and cost of credit, the United States mortgage market and a declining real estate market in the United States have contributed to increased market volatility and diminished expectations for the United States economy. Added concerns fueled by the United States government financial assistance to certain companies and other federal government s interventions in the United States financial system has led to increased market uncertainty and instability in both United States and international capital and credit markets. These conditions, combined with volatile oil prices, declining business and consumer confidence, increased unemployment, increased tax rates and governmental budget deficits and debt levels have contributed to volatility of unprecedented levels. We believe our MRI and PET/CT scan volumes have been impacted during 2009 and the first three months of 2010 and will continue to be impacted in the remainder of 2010 by rising unemployment rates, the number of under-insured or uninsured patients and other conditions arising from the global economic conditions described above. At this time, it is unclear what impact this might have on our future revenues or business.

As a result of these market conditions, the cost and availability of credit has been and may continue to be adversely affected by illiquid credit markets and wider credit spreads. Concern about the stability of the markets generally and the strength of counterparties specifically has led many lenders and institutional investors to reduce, and in some cases, cease to provide funding to borrowers. Continued turbulence in the United States and international markets and economies may adversely affect our liquidity and financial condition, and the liquidity and financial condition of our customers. If these market conditions continue, they may limit our ability to timely

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access the capital markets to meet liquidity needs, resulting in adverse effects on our financial condition and results of operations.

The principal components of our cost of revenues are compensation paid to technologists, radiation therapists and drivers, as well as, system maintenance costs, medical supplies, system transportation and technologists travel costs. Because a majority of these expenses are fixed, decreased revenues as a result of lower scan volumes per system significantly impacts our margins while higher scan volumes would result in improved margins.

The principal components of selling, general and administrative expenses are sales and marketing costs, corporate overhead costs, provision for doubtful accounts, and share-based payment.

We record noncontrolling interest and earnings from unconsolidated investees related to our consolidated and unconsolidated subsidiaries, respectively. These subsidiaries primarily provide shared-service and fixed-site diagnostic imaging and therapeutic services.

Seasonality

We experience seasonality in the revenues and margins generated for our services. First and fourth quarter revenues are typically lower than those from the second and third quarters. First quarter revenue is affected primarily by fewer calendar days and inclement weather, typically resulting in fewer patients being scanned during the period. Fourth quarter revenues are affected by holiday and client and patient vacation schedules, resulting in fewer scans during the period. The variability in margins is higher than the variability in revenues due to the fixed nature of our costs. The Company also experiences fluctuations in the revenues and margins generated due to acquisition activity and general economic conditions, including the high unemployment rate, recession or economic slowdown.

Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co Acquisition and Disposition

On November 2, 1999, Viewer Holdings L.L.C., an affiliate of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co (KKR), acquired approximately 92% of Alliance in a recapitalization merger. Viewer is owned by two investment funds sponsored by KKR. The KKR acquisition consisted of a recapitalization merger in 1999 in which a wholly-owned subsidiary of Viewer was merged with and into Alliance. Upon the consummation of the KKR acquisition, Viewer owned approximately 92% of Alliance.

On November 27, 2006, affiliates of KKR sold 9.2 million shares of our common stock in an underwritten secondary public offering. Following completion of the offering, KKR beneficially owned approximately 52% of our outstanding shares of common stock. We did not sell any shares and did not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares in the public offering.

On April 16, 2007, funds managed by Oaktree Capital Management, LLC (Oaktree) and MTS Health Investors, LLC (MTS) purchased approximately 24.5 million shares of our common stock from KKR. Upon completion of the transaction, Oaktree and MTS owned in the aggregate approximately 49.7% of the outstanding shares of our common stock. Subsequently, KKR sold its remaining shares on the open market. At December 31, 2009, Oaktree and MTS owned in the aggregate approximately 47.1% of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Company.

Recent Transactions

Effective October 1, 2007, we purchased the assets of Diagnostic Radiology Systems, Inc., a mobile provider of MRI and PET/CT, with operations in a certificate of need state. The purchase price consisted of \$8.6 million in cash and transaction costs. The acquisition was financed using internally generated funds. As a

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result of this acquisition, we recorded goodwill of \$2.1 million and acquired intangible assets of \$2.2 million, of which \$1.5 million was assigned to customer contracts, which is amortized over eight years, \$0.5 million was assigned to the non-compete agreement, which was amortized over one year, and \$0.2 million was assigned to certificates of needs, which have indefinite useful lives and are not subject to amortization. The intangible assets were recorded at fair value at the acquisition date. All recorded goodwill and intangible assets are capitalized for tax purposes and amortized over 15 years. The preliminary values above were subject to adjustment for up to one year after the close of the transaction due to additional information that could result in changes in the original valuation of assets acquired and liabilities assumed. During the year ended December 31, 2008, the adjustments to goodwill as a result of changes in the original valuation of assets acquired and liabilities assumed were not material. The year ended December 31, 2007 included three months of operations from this acquisition. We have not included pro forma information as this acquisition did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

Effective November 2, 2007, we purchased the assets of eight radiation oncology centers in Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Missouri from Bethesda Resources, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sonix, Inc. (the Bethesda transaction). Many of these centers are sole community providers and are located on or near hospital campuses. Several of these radiation oncology centers operate under certificates of need. The purchase price consisted of \$36.5 million in cash and \$0.8 million in assumed liabilities and transaction costs. The acquisition was financed using internally generated funds and capital leases. As a result of this acquisition, we recorded goodwill of \$4.2 million and acquired intangible assets of \$31.2 million, of which \$2.2 million was assigned to the physician referral network, which is amortized over seven years and \$29.0 million was assigned to certificates of need, which have indefinite useful lives and are not subject to amortization. The intangible assets were recorded at fair value at the acquisition date. All recorded goodwill and intangible assets are capitalized for tax purposes and amortized over 15 years. During the year ended December 31, 2008, we decreased goodwill by \$0.1 million as a result of changes in the original valuation of assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The year ended December 31, 2007 included approximately two months of operations from this acquisition. We have not included pro forma information as this acquisition did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

Effective November 5, 2007, we purchased all of the outstanding shares of the New England Health Enterprises Business Trust and all of the outstanding membership interests of New England Imaging Management, LLC, a fixed-site provider of MRI and CT, collectively referred to as New England Health Enterprises, or NEHE. NEHE operated seven fixed-site imaging centers and one mobile MRI system in Maine and Massachusetts. The purchase price consisted of \$44.6 million in cash, \$2.3 million in cash which is being held in an escrow account, and \$4.6 million in assumed liabilities and transaction costs. The acquisition was financed using internally generated funds, borrowings under an Acquisition Credit Facility and capital leases. We recorded total goodwill of \$19.3 million, which includes \$10.9 million of goodwill related to deferred tax liabilities recorded for basis differences in intangible assets as a result of the acquisition. None of the goodwill recorded is deductible for tax purposes. We acquired intangible assets of \$29.0 million, of which \$15.7 million was assigned to the physician referral network, which is amortized over 15 years, \$3.8 million was assigned to the non-compete agreement, which is amortized over five years, and \$9.5 million was assigned to certificates of need held by NEHE, which have indefinite useful lives and are not subject to amortization. These assets were recorded at fair value at the acquisition date. At the date of acquisition, the acquisition included \$2.3 million for a contingent payment which was being held in an escrow account, pending the resolution of claims for indemnification and contingent consideration based on certain performance target requirements, which were resolved over the one to three years following the acquisition date. During the year ended December 31, 2009, these contingencies were resolved and we recorded a decrease to goodwill of \$0.6 million. We received \$2.9 million from escrow during 2009. All contingencies have been resolved and all escrow amounts have been distributed as of December 31, 2009. The year ended December 31, 2007 included approximately two months of operations from this acquisition. We have not included pro forma information as this acquisition did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

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On December 4, 2007, we issued an additional \$150 million of our 7 \(^1/4\%\) Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 (the \text{ new 7}\)/4\% Notes) in a transaction exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The new 7 \(^1/4\%\) Notes were issued at a discount of 8.5\%, which was being amortized to interest expense through the maturity date of the notes. The new 7 \(^1/4\%\) Notes have terms that were substantially identical to our original 7 \(^1/4\%\) Notes, but were issued under a new indenture and are therefore a separate series of notes. We used a portion of the net proceeds from the issuance of the new 7 \(^1/4\%\) Notes to repay and terminate an Acquisition Credit Facility entered into to finance the NEHE acquisition (as described in Note 9 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008). The remaining net proceeds were used for general corporate purposes, including acquisitions. The 7 \(^1/4\%\) Notes were substantially redeemed in December 2009, in conjunction with our Refinance Transaction, as discussed below. At December 31, 2009, \$5.6 million of the 7 \(^1/4\%\) Notes were outstanding. The remaining balance of the 7 \(^1/4\%\) Notes was redeemed at par in January 2010.

In the first quarter of 2008, we purchased six CyberKnife® robotic radiosurgery facilities from Accuray, Inc (the CyberKnife transaction). The radiosurgery systems are currently providing radiosurgery services at hospitals located in California, Maryland, New Jersey and Tennessee. The purchase price totaled \$10.3 million in cash and \$0.7 million in transaction costs. The acquisition was financed using proceeds from the issuance of the new 7 \(^1/4\%\) Notes in December 2007. As a result of this acquisition, we recorded acquired intangible assets of \$1.5 million, which was assigned to customer contracts and will be amortized over seven years. The intangible assets were recorded at fair value at the acquisition date. All recorded intangible assets are capitalized for tax purposes and amortized over 15 years. The year ended December 31, 2008 included approximately nine months of operations from this acquisition. We have not included pro forma information as this acquisition did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In the third quarter of 2008, we purchased all of the outstanding membership interests of Medical Outsourcing Services, LLC (MOS), a mobile provider of PET/CT, based in Naperville, Illinois. MOS currently operates in nine states, including, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. The purchase price consisted of \$17.3 million in cash, \$2.5 million in cash which is being held in an escrow account, and \$4.6 million in assumed liabilities and transaction costs. We financed this acquisition using internally generated funds and proceeds from the issuance of the new 7 1/4% Notes in December 2007. As a result of this acquisition, we recorded goodwill of \$3.3 million and acquired intangible assets of \$12.5 million, of which \$3.9 million was assigned to the physician referral network, which is amortized over five years, \$6.1 million was assigned to customer relationships, which is amortized over 10 years and \$2.5 million was assigned to a non-compete agreement, which is amortized over three years. The intangible assets were recorded at fair value at the acquisition date. All recorded goodwill and intangible assets are capitalized for tax purposes and amortized over 15 years. The acquisition included \$2.5 million for a contingent payment which is being held in an escrow account, pending the resolution of claims for indemnification, which is expected to be resolved over the three years following the acquisition date. When the contingencies are resolved and consideration is distributable from the escrow account, we will record the fair value of the consideration as additional purchase price to goodwill. During the year ended December 31, 2009, we increased goodwill by \$0.1 million as a result of changes in the original valuation of assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The year ended December 31, 2008 included six months of operations from this acquisition. We have not included pro forma information as this acquisition did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations. Please also see further discussion in Note 12 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

In the third quarter of 2008, we purchased all of the outstanding membership interests of RAMIC Des Moines, LLC (RAMIC), a single modality center providing MRI services in West Des Moines, Iowa. The purchase price consisted of \$7.2 million in cash, \$0.6 million in cash which is being held in an escrow account, and \$0.1 million in assumed liabilities and transaction costs. We financed this acquisition using internally generated funds and proceeds from the issuance of the new $7^{1}/4\%$ Notes in December 2007. As a result of this acquisition, we recorded goodwill of \$2.9 million and acquired intangible assets of \$2.6 million, of which

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\$1.8 million was assigned to the physician referral network, which is amortized over five years and \$0.8 million was assigned to certificates of need held by RAMIC, which have indefinite useful lives and are not subject to amortization. The intangible assets were recorded at fair value at the acquisition date. All recorded goodwill and intangible assets are capitalized for tax purposes and amortized over 15 years. The acquisition included \$0.6 million for a contingent payment which was being held in an escrow account, pending the resolution of claims for indemnification. All contingencies have been resolved and all escrow amounts have been distributed as of December 31, 2009. During the year ended December 31, 2009, \$0.6 million was released from escrow, which was recorded to goodwill as additional purchase price. The year ended December 31, 2008 included approximately five months of operations from this acquisition. We have not included pro forma information as this acquisition did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In the fourth quarter of 2008, we purchased all of the outstanding membership interests of Shared PET Imaging, LLC (SPI), a mobile and fixed-site provider of PET and PET/CT, based in Canton, Ohio. SPI serves approximately 90 clients in thirteen states, including Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Florida, Pennsylvania, New York, Tennessee and South Carolina. The purchase price consisted of \$34.1 million in cash, \$2.0 million in cash which is being held in an escrow account, and \$9.1 million in assumed liabilities and transaction costs. We financed this acquisition using internally generated funds and proceeds from the issuance of the new 7 1/4% Notes in December 2007. As a result of this acquisition, we recorded goodwill of \$6.9 million and acquired intangible assets of \$9.4 million, of which \$0.5 million was assigned to the physician referral network, which is amortized over five years, \$5.4 million was assigned to customer relationships, which is amortized over 13 years, \$3.2 million was assigned to a non-compete agreement, which is amortized over three years, and \$0.3 million was assigned to certificates of need held by SPI, which have indefinite useful lives and are not subject to amortization. The intangible assets were recorded at fair value at the acquisition date. All recorded goodwill and intangible assets are capitalized for tax purposes and amortized over 15 years. The acquisition included \$2.0 million for a contingent payment which is being held in an escrow account, pending the resolution of claims for indemnification, which will be resolved over the 18 months following the acquisition date. When the contingencies are resolved and consideration is distributable from the escrow account, we will record the fair value of the consideration as additional purchase price to goodwill. During the year ended December 31, 2009, we increased goodwill by \$0.4 million as a result of changes in the original valuation of assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The year ended December 31, 2008 included one month of operations from this acquisition. We have not included pro forma information as this acquisition did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

Also in the fourth quarter of 2008, we purchased the remaining 20% minority interest in AO. The total purchase price was \$6.5 million, which consisted entirely of cash. We financed this acquisition using internally generated funds. As a result of this acquisition, we recorded goodwill of \$4.5 million. All recorded goodwill is capitalized for tax purposes and amortized over 15 years.

During December 2009, we entered into and completed various debt related transactions in order to expand our borrowing capacity and extend the maturity of our debt (the Refinance Transaction). In order to accomplish this, we retired substantially all of our \$300.0 million/4% senior subordinated notes due 2012 (the 7/4% Notes) through a cash tender offer (the Tender Offer) and repaid the balance of \$351.6 million on our existing Tranche C1 term loan facility (the Old Term Loan). In conjunction with the Refinance Transaction we also entered into a new senior secured credit agreement (the New Credit Facility), comprised of a \$460.0 million term loan (the New Term Loan) maturing June 2016 and a \$120.0 million revolving facility (the New Revolving Credit Facility) maturing December 2014. Borrowings under the New Term Loan were issued at 98.0% of par, with the discount to par being amortized to interest expense and other, net through the maturity date of the loan. We also issued \$190.0 million of 8% senior notes due 2016 (the 8% Notes) in a transaction that was exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The 8% Notes were issued at 98.69% of par, with the discount to par being amortized to interest expense and other, net through the maturity date of the notes. Borrowings under our credit facility bear interest through maturity at a variable rate based upon, at our option, either London InterBank Offered Rate (LIBOR) or the base rate (which is the highest of the administrative agent s

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prime rate, one-half of 1.00% in excess of the overnight federal funds rate, and 1.00% in excess of the one-month LIBOR rate), plus in each case, an applicable margin. With respect to the New Term Loan, the applicable margin for LIBOR loans is 3.50% per annum, and with respect to the New Revolving Credit Facility, the applicable margin for LIBOR loans ranges, based on the applicable leverage ratio, from 3.25% to 3.75% per annum, in each case, with a LIBOR floor of 2.00%. With respect to the New Term Loan, the applicable margin for base rate loans is 2.50% per annum, and with respect to the New Revolving Credit Facility, the applicable margin for base rate loans ranges, based on the applicable leverage ratio, from 2.25% to 2.75% per annum. We used the proceeds from these transactions and existing cash to complete the Tender Offer and purchase \$294.4 million of the 7 \(^{1}/4\%\) Notes at a purchase price equal to 100.125% of the principal amount, together with the accrued interest to the purchase date. We also used the proceeds from these transactions to pay off the Old Term Loan and redeem the remaining \$5.6 million of 7 \(^{1}/4\%\) notes in January 2010 at a redemption price equal to 100.0% of the principal amount, together with accrued interest to the redemption date. We incurred a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$14.6 million related to the Refinance Transaction, which represents the tender premium and consent payment to redeem the 7 \(^{1}/4\%\) Notes, write-off of unamortized debt issuance costs related to the retired debt, and other fees and expenses.

Results of Operations

The table below shows the components in our consolidated statements of operations as a percentage of revenues for each of the years ended December 31 and the three months ended March 31:

	Year Ended December 31,			Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2007	2008	2009	2009	2010
Revenues	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Costs and expenses:					
Cost of revenues, excluding depreciation and amortization	52.9	52.8	53.5	52.3	55.0