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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(MARK ONE)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2007

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 1-10765

UNIVERSAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization)

23-2077891 (I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

UNIVERSAL CORPORATE CENTER 367 SOUTH GULPH ROAD

KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19406

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (610) 768-3300

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, an accelerated filer or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 or The Exchange Act (check one):

Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer " Non-accelerated filer "

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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer s classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date. Common shares outstanding, as of October 31, 2007:

Class A	3,328,404
Class B	50,007,970
Class C	335,800
Class D	23,890

UNIVERSAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

UNIVERSAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(amounts in thousands, except per share amounts)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Septem	Ionths Ended tember 30,			
Net revenues	\$ 1	2007 ,180,217	\$ 1	2006	\$ 3	2007 3,556,794	\$ 3	2006 3,125,419
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Operating charges: Salaries, wages and benefits		510,917		459,099		1,520,489	1	,336,087
Other operating expenses		265,534		211,875		748,979	-	708,932
Supplies expense		162.342		146,944		506,946		400,271
Provision for doubtful accounts		110,451		97,901		312,583		260,090
Depreciation and amortization		46,548		40,961		135,417		120,360
Lease and rental expense		17,920		16,184		50,701		48,247
Hurricane related expenses		82		4,172		50,701 707		14,432
Hurricane insurance recoveries		62		(4,172)		107		(14,432)
Humcane insurance recoveries				(4,172)				(14,452)
	1	,113,794		972,964		3,275,822	2	2,873,987
Income before interest expense, hurricane insurance recoveries in excess of								
expenses, minority interests and income taxes		66,423		70,493		280,972		251,432
Interest expense, net		12,881		6,140		38,643		23,362
Hurricane insurance recoveries in excess of expenses		,		(130,328)		/		(167,359)
Minority interests in earnings of consolidated entities		9,784		14,948		32,651		37,617
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Income before income taxes		43,758		179,733		209,678		357,812
Provision for income taxes		14,756		65,704		79,062		132,420
Income from continuing operations		29,002		114,029		130,616		225,392
Loss from discontinued operations, net of income taxes		(148)		(84)		(183)		(104)
Net income	\$	28,854	\$	113,945	\$	130,433	\$	225,288
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Basic earnings per share:								
From continuing operations	\$	0.54	\$	2.01	\$	2.44	\$	4.11
From discontinued operations		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
Total basic earnings per share	\$	0.54	\$	2.01	\$	2.44	\$	4.11
Diluted earnings per share:								
From continuing operations	\$	0.54	\$	2.00	\$	2.43	\$	3.89
From discontinued operations		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
Total diluted earnings per share	\$	0.54	\$	2.00	\$	2.43	\$	3.89

Weighted average number of common shares basic	53,481	56,794	53,491	54,764
Add: Shares for conversion of convertible debentures				4,168
Other share equivalents	148	207	190	227
Weighted average number of common shares and equivalents diluted	53,629	57,001	53,681	59,159

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

UNIVERSAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(dollar amounts in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Se	September 30, 2007		ecember 31, 2006
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	13,574	\$	14,939
Accounts receivable, net		631,527		595,009
Supplies		70,874		64,532
Other current assets		30,172		19,113
Deferred and prepaid income taxes		60,733		34,913
Total current assets		806,880		728,506
Property and equipment		2,971,787		2,665,209
Less: accumulated depreciation		(1,077,280)		(980,124)
		1,894,507		1,685,085
		1,001,007		1,005,005
Other assets:				
Goodwill		753,846		719,991
Deferred charges		6.824		7,262
Other		136,871		136,198
Other		130,871		150,190
	\$	3,598,928	\$	3,277,042
Liabilities and Stockholders Equity				
Current liabilities:				
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$	3,329	\$	1,938
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		554,582		491,309
Federal and state taxes				9,204
Total current liabilities		557,911		502,451
Other noncurrent liabilities		353,328		340,815
Minority interests		203,412		174,061
Long-term debt		900,628		821,363
Deferred income taxes		48,810		35,888
Commitments and contingencies				
Common stockholders' equity		1,534,839		1,402,464
	\$	3,598,928	\$	3,277,042

See accompanying notes to these condensed consolidated financial statements.

UNIVERSAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(amounts in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Nine Mon Septem 2007	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net income	\$ 130,433	\$ 225,288
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation & amortization	135,417	120,360
Accretion of discount on convertible debentures		6,364
Gain on sale of assets	(2,200)	
Hurricane insurance recoveries		(137,862)
Hurricane related expenses		4,894
Changes in assets & liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions and dispositions:		
Accounts receivable	(17,359)	(85,132)
Accrued interest	9,055	7,519
Accrued and deferred income taxes	(6,374)	36,745
Other working capital accounts	47,558	8,157
Other assets and deferred charges	37	6,943
Other	4,923	11,413
Minority interest in earnings of consolidated entities, net of distributions	9,041	15,223
Accrued insurance expense, net of commercial premiums paid	45,275	61,378
Payments made in settlement of self-insurance claims	(33,025)	(31,270)
Net cash provided by operating activities	322,781	250,020
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Property and equipment additions, net of disposals	(263,366)	(233,008)
Acquisition of property and businesses	(103,159)	(45,654)
Hurricane insurance recoveries received	(144,571
Proceeds received from sales of assets	5,268	
Purchase of minority ownership interest in majority owned business	(14,762)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(376,019)	(134,091)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:	(102.040)	(141.004)
Reduction of long-term debt	 (103,846)	(141,804)
Additional borrowings	170,000	248,645
Issuance of common stock	1,041	4,205
Repurchase of common shares	(14,386)	(220,343)
Dividends paid	(12,917)	(13,090)
Financing costs	(148)	(2,020)
Net cash received for termination of derivatives	10 100	3,393
Capital contributions from minority member	12,129	11,939
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	51,873	(109,075)
(Decrease) Increase in cash and cash equivalents	(1,365)	6,854

Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	14,939	7,963
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 13,574	\$ 14,817
Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information:		
Interest paid	\$ 35,991	\$ 18,073
Income taxes paid, net of refunds	\$ 83,894	\$ 95,412

See accompanying notes to these condensed consolidated financial statements.

UNIVERSAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(1) General

This Report on Form 10-Q is for the Quarterly period ended September 30, 2007. In this Quarterly Report, we, us, our and the Company refer t Universal Health Services, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

You should carefully review the information contained in this Quarterly Report, and should particularly consider any risk factors that we set forth in this Quarterly Report and in other reports or documents that we file from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). In this Quarterly Report, we state our beliefs of future events and of our future financial performance. In some cases, you can identify those so-called forward-looking statements by words such as may, will, should, expects, plans, anticipates, believes, estimates, potential, or continue or the negative of those words and other comparable words. You should be aware that those statements are only our predictions. Actual events or results may differ materially. In evaluating those statements, you should specifically consider various factors, including the risks related to healthcare industry trends and those detailed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission including those set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 in Item 1A-Risk Factors and in Item 7-Forward Looking Statements and Risk Factors. Those factors may cause our actual results to differ materially from any of our forward-looking statements.

The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of our majority-owned subsidiaries and partnerships and limited liability companies controlled by us, or our subsidiaries, as managing general partner or managing member. The condensed consolidated financial statements included herein have been prepared by us, without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and reflect all normal and recurring adjustments which, in our opinion, are necessary to fairly present results for the interim periods. The balance sheet at December 31, 2006 has been derived from the audited financial statements. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations, although we believe that the accompanying disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading. It is suggested that these condensed consolidated financial statements be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements, significant accounting policies and the notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006.

(2) Relationship with Universal Health Realty Income Trust and Related Party Transactions

Relationship with Universal Health Realty Income Trust:

At September 30, 2007, we held approximately 6.7% of the outstanding shares of Universal Health Realty Income Trust (the Trust). We serve as Advisor to the Trust under an annually renewable advisory agreement pursuant to the terms of which, we conduct the Trust s day-to-day affairs, provide administrative services and present investment opportunities. In addition, certain of our officers and directors are also officers and/or directors of the Trust. Management believes that it has the ability to exercise significant influence over the Trust, therefore we account for our investment in the Trust using the equity method of accounting. We earned an advisory fee from the Trust, which is included in net revenues in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of income, of approximately \$355,000 and \$364,000 during the three month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and approximately \$1.1 million during each of the nine month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and \$2.1 million during the nine month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The carrying value of this investment was \$10.0 million at September 30, 2007 and \$10.2 million at December 31, 2006, and is included in other assets in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets. The market value of this investment was \$28.0 million at September 30, 2007 and \$30.7 million at December 31, 2006.

Total rent expense under the operating leases on the hospital facilities with the Trust was \$3.9 million during each of the three month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 and \$12.0 million and \$11.9 million during the nine month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. In addition, certain of our subsidiaries are tenants in several medical office buildings owned by limited liability companies in which the Trust holds non-controlling ownership interests.

The Trust commenced operations in 1986 by purchasing certain properties from us and immediately leasing the properties back to our respective subsidiaries. Most of the leases were entered into at the time the Trust commenced operations and provided for initial terms of 13 to 15 years with up to six additional 5-year renewal terms. Each lease also provided for additional or bonus rental, as discussed below. In 1998, the lease for

McAllen Medical Center was amended to provide that the last two renewal terms would also be fixed at the initial agreed upon rental. This lease amendment was in connection with

certain concessions granted by us with respect to the renewal of other leases. The base rents are paid monthly and the bonus rents are computed and paid on a quarterly basis, based upon a computation that compares current quarter revenue to a corresponding quarter in the base year. The leases with our subsidiaries are unconditionally guaranteed by us and are cross-defaulted with one another.

Pursuant to the terms of the leases with the Trust, we have the option to renew the leases at the lease terms described above by providing notice to the Trust at least 90 days prior to the termination of the then current term. In addition, we have rights of first refusal to: (i) purchase the respective leased facilities during and for 180 days after the lease terms at the same price, terms and conditions of any third-party offer, or; (ii) renew the lease on the respective leased facility at the end of, and for 180 days after, the lease term at the same terms and conditions pursuant to any third-party offer. We also have the right to purchase the respective leased facilities at the end of the lease terms or any renewal terms at the appraised fair market value. In addition, during 2006, as part of the overall exchange and substitution transaction relating to Chalmette Medical Center, which was completed during the third quarter of 2006, as well as the early five year lease renewals on Southwest Healthcare System-Inland Valley Campus (Inland Valley), Wellington Regional Medical Center, McAllen Medical Center and The Bridgeway, the Trust agreed to amend the Master Lease to include a change of control provision. The change of control provision grants us the right, upon one month s notice should a change of control of the Trust occur, to purchase any or all of the four leased hospital properties at their appraised fair market value purchase price.

The table below details the renewal options and terms for each of our four hospital facilities leased from the Trust:

		Annual		Renewal
		Minimum		Term
Hospital Name	Type of Facility	Rent	End of Lease Term	(years)
McAllen Medical Center	Acute Care	\$ 5,485,000	December, 2011	20(a)
Wellington Regional Medical Center	Acute Care	\$ 3,030,000	December, 2011	20(b)
Southwest Healthcare System, Inland Valley Campus	Acute Care	\$2,597,000(d)	December, 2011	20(b)
The Bridgeway	Behavioral Health	\$ 930,000	December, 2014	10(c)

(a) We have four 5-year renewal options at existing lease rates (through 2031).

- (b) We have two 5-year renewal options at existing lease rates (through 2021) and two 5-year renewal options at fair market value lease rates (2022 through 2031).
- (c) We have two 5-year renewal options at fair market value lease rates (2015 through 2024).
- (d) Excludes incremental rent on the additional real property assets in excess of \$11.0 million, being constructed at Inland Valley that were

transferred to the Trust as part of the asset exchange and substitution transaction completed during the third quarter of 2006.

Other Related Party Transactions:

Our Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is a member of the Board of Directors of Broadlane, Inc. (Broadlane). Broadlane provides contracting and other supply chain services to us and various other healthcare organizations. Our contract with Broadlane is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2007. In addition, we along with certain of our Board of Directors and members of our executive management team, own approximately 6% of the outstanding shares of Broadlane. The carrying value of our investment in Broadlane is approximately \$12 million as of September 30, 2007.

A member of our Board of Directors and member of the Executive Committee is Of Counsel to the law firm used by us as our principal outside counsel. This Board member is also the trustee of certain trusts for the benefit of our CEO and his family. This law firm also provides personal legal services to our CEO.

We invested \$3.3 million for a 25% ownership interest in an information technology company that provides laboratory information system and order management technology to many of our acute care hospitals. We also committed to pay this company a license fee which has a remaining commitment of \$4.5 million as of September 30, 2007.

(3) Other Noncurrent and Minority Interest Liabilities

Other noncurrent liabilities include the long-term portion of our professional and general liability, workers compensation reserves, and pension liability.

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As of September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, the minority interest liability of \$203.4 million and \$174.1 million, respectively, consists primarily of: (i) an outside ownership interest of approximately 28% in four acute care facilities located in Las Vegas, Nevada that are in operation and a fifth that is currently under construction and expected to be completed and opened in early 2008; (ii) a 20% outside ownership in an acute care facility located in Washington D.C., and; (iii) an outside ownership interest of approximately 10% in an acute care facility located in Laredo, Texas.

In connection with the five acute care facilities located in Las Vegas, Nevada, the outside owners have certain put rights that may require the respective limited liabilities companies (LLCs) to purchase the minority member s interests upon the occurrence of: (i) certain specified financial conditions falling below established thresholds; (ii) breach of the management contract by the managing member (a subsidiary of ours), or; (iii) if the minority member s ownership percentage is reduced to less than certain thresholds.

(4) Long-term debt

We have an \$800 million, unsecured non-amortizing revolving credit agreement, as amended, (Credit Agreement) which is scheduled to expire on July 28, 2011. In April, 2007, the Credit Agreement was amended to increase commitments from \$650 million to \$800 million. The Credit Agreement includes a \$100 million sub-limit for letters of credit. The interest rate on the borrowings is determined, at our option, as either: (i) the one, two, three or six month London Inter-Bank Offer Rate (LIBOR) plus a spread of 0.33% to 0.575%; (ii) at the higher of the Agent s prime rate or the federal funds rate plus 0.50%, or; (iii) a competitive bid rate. A facility fee ranging from 0.07% to 0.175% is required on the total commitment. The applicable margins over LIBOR and the facility fee are based upon our credit ratings from Standard & Poor s Ratings Services and Moody s Investors Service, Inc. At September 30, 2007, the applicable margin over the LIBOR rate was .50% and the commitment fee was .125%. There are no compensating balance requirements. As of September 30, 2007, we had \$253 million of borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit agreement and \$47 million of outstanding letters of credit. As of September 30, 2007, we had \$500 million of available borrowing capacity pursuant to the terms of our Credit Agreement.

In August of 2007, we entered into a \$200 million accounts receivable securitization program (Securitization) with a group of conduit lenders and liquidity banks. The patient accounts receivable for substantially all of our acute care hospitals serve as collateral for the outstanding borrowings. The interest rate on the borrowings is based on the commercial paper rate plus a spread of .25%. The initial term of this Securitization is 364 days and the term can be extended for incremental 364 day periods upon mutual agreement of the parties. The Securitization has a term-out feature that can be exercised by us if the banks do not extend the Securitization which would extend the maturity date to June 30, 2010. Under the terms of the term-out provision, the borrowings under the terms of our Credit Agreement are classified as long-term on our condensed consolidated balance sheet. As of September 30, 2007, there were \$170 million of borrowings outstanding pursuant to this program.

On June 30, 2006, we issued \$250 million of senior notes (the Notes) which have a 7.125% coupon rate and mature on June 30, 2016. Interest on the Notes is payable semiannually in arrears on June 30 and December 30 of each year.

During 2001, we issued \$200 million of senior notes which have a 6.75% coupon rate and which mature on November 15, 2011. The interest on the senior notes is paid semiannually in arrears on May 15 and November 15 of each year. The senior notes can be redeemed in whole at any time and in part from time to time.

(5) Commitments and Contingencies

Professional and General Liability Claims and Property Insurance

As of September 30, 2007, the total accrual for our professional and general liability claims was \$259 million (\$257 million net of expected recoveries), of which \$32 million is included in current liabilities. As of December 31, 2006, the total accrual for our professional and general liability claims was \$248 million (\$245 million net of expected recoveries), of which \$32 million is included in current liabilities. Included in other assets was \$2 million as of September 30, 2007 and \$3 million as of December 31, 2006, related to estimated expected recoveries from various state guaranty funds in connection with professional and general liability claims payments related to a former commercial insurer which was placed in receivership during 2002. During the second quarter of 2007, based upon the results of a third-party actuarial analysis, we recorded an \$18 million reduction to our prior year reserves for professional and general liability self-insured claims. This favorable change in our estimated future claims payments was partially due to the favorable impact of medical malpractice tort reform experienced in several states in which we operate as well as a decrease in obstetrical-related claims due to a company-wide patient safety initiative in this high-risk specialty.

Effective April 1, 2007, we have commercial property insurance policies covering catastrophic losses resulting from windstorm damage up to \$100 million per occurrence. Losses resulting from non-named windstorms are subject to a \$250,000 deductible. Losses resulting from named windstorms are subject to a 5% deductible based upon the declared value of the property. In addition, we have commercial property insurance policies covering catastrophic losses resulting from earthquake and flood damage, each subject to annual aggregate limitations of \$100 million. Earthquake losses are subject to a \$250,000 deductible for our facilities located in all states except California, Alaska and Puerto Rico. Earthquake losses sustained at facilities located in California, Alaska and Puerto Rico are subject to a 5% deductible based upon the declared value of the property. Flood losses have a \$250,000 deductible except in FEMA designated flood zones A and V (which are located in certain

sections of Florida, Oklahoma and Texas) in which case the losses are subject to a \$500,000 deductible. Due to a sharp increase in property losses experienced nationwide in recent years, the cost of commercial property insurance

has increased significantly. As a result, catastrophic coverage for earthquake and flood has been limited to annual aggregate losses (as opposed to per occurrence losses). Given these insurance market conditions, there can be no assurance that a continuation of these unfavorable trends, or a sharp increase in uninsured property losses sustained by us, will not have a material adverse effect on our future results of operations.

As of September 30, 2007, we were party to certain off balance sheet arrangements consisting of standby letters of credit and surety bonds. Our outstanding letters of credit and surety bonds as of September 30, 2007 totaled \$79 million consisting of: (i) \$74 million related to our self-insurance programs; (ii) \$4 million consisting primarily of collateral for outstanding bonds of an unaffiliated third-party and public utility, and; (iii) \$1 million of debt guarantees related to entities in which we own a minority interest.

We have a long-term contract with a third party that expires in 2012, to provide certain data processing services for our acute care and behavioral health facilities.

Legal Proceedings

We are subject to claims and suits in the ordinary course of business, including those arising from care and treatment afforded by our hospitals and are party to various other litigation, as outlined below.

Investigation of South Texas Health System affiliates:

We and our South Texas Health System affiliates, which operate McAllen Medical Center, McAllen Heart Hospital, Edinburg Regional Medical Center and certain other affiliates, were served with a subpoena dated November 21, 2005, issued by the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services (OIG). At that time, the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney s office in Houston, Texas indicated that the subpoena was part of an investigation under the False Claims Act of compliance with Medicare and Medicaid rules and regulations pertaining to the employment of physicians and the solicitation of patient referrals from physicians from January 1, 1999 to the date of the subpoena related to the South Texas Health System. On March 9, 2007, an additional subpoena was served upon us by the OIG requesting documents concerning the Medicare cost reports for the South Texas Health System affiliates. On February 16, 2007, our South Texas Health System affiliates were served with a search warrant in connection with what we have been advised is a related criminal Grand Jury investigation concerning the production of documents. At that time, the government obtained various documents and other property related to the facilities. Follow-up Grand Jury subpoenas for documents and witnesses and other requests for information were subsequently served on South Texas Health System facilities and certain employees.

Over the last several weeks, at our request, our legal representatives have met with representatives of the civil and criminal divisions of the United States Attorney s Office for the Southern District of Texas to discuss the status of these matters. Our representatives have been advised that the government is continuing its investigations. We believe that, based on those discussions and its investigations to date, the government is focused on certain arrangements entered into by the South Texas Health System affiliates which the government believes may have violated Medicare and Medicaid rules and regulations pertaining to payments to physicians and the solicitation of patient referrals from physicians and other matters relating to payments to various individuals which may have constituted improper or illegal payments. We believe that the government is also focusing its investigation to determine whether the South Texas Health System affiliates and certain individuals illegally failed to fully comply with the original OIG subpoena. We are in the process of investigating these matters and are cooperating with the investigations and intend to respond to the matters raised with us. We are unable to evaluate the existence or extent of any potential financial exposure in connection with this matter at this time.

We monitor all aspects of our business and have developed a comprehensive ethics and compliance program that is designed to meet or exceed applicable federal guidelines and industry standards. Because the law in this area is complex and constantly evolving, governmental investigation or litigation may result in interpretations that are inconsistent with industry practices, including ours. Although we believe our policies, procedures and practices comply with governmental regulations, no assurance can be given that we will not be subjected to further inquiries or actions, or that we will not be faced with sanctions, fines or penalties in connection with the investigation of our South Texas Health System affiliates. Even if we were to ultimately prevail, the government s inquiry and/or action in connection with this matter could have a material adverse effect on our future operating results.

Lasko-Hoellinger, et al, v. UHS of Delaware, Inc. et al, and other related matter:

On November 1, 2005, our management company and several of our facilities located in California, including Inland Valley Medical Center, Rancho Springs Medical Center, Del Amo Hospital and Corona Regional Medical Center (Hospitals) were named as defendants in a wage and hour lawsuit filed in Los Angeles Superior Court under the caption *Lasko-Hoellinger, et al v. UHS of Delaware, Inc., et al.* Del Amo Hospital was subsequently dismissed from the case. While two of the four original plaintiffs in that case voluntarily requested that they be dismissed as

plaintiffs from that lawsuit, the remaining two

plaintiffs sought to have the matter certified as a class action. The remaining plaintiffs alleged, among other things, that they were entitled to recover damages from the Hospitals for missed breaks and other alleged violations of various California Labor Code sections and applicable wage orders for a period of at least one year prior to the filing of the case. During 2006, we recorded an estimated \$10 million pre-tax provision in connection with this and another related matter (\$2 million during the first quarter of 2006 and \$8 million during the fourth quarter of 2006). During the third quarter of 2007, this case and the related matter were settled for a combined total of \$10.4 million.

The healthcare industry is subject to numerous laws and regulations which include, among other things, matters such as government healthcare participation requirements, various licensure and accreditations, reimbursement for patient services, and Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse. Government action has increased with respect to investigations and/or allegations concerning possible violations of fraud and abuse and false claims statutes and/or regulations by healthcare providers. Providers that are found to have violated these laws and regulations may be excluded from participating in government healthcare programs, subjected to fines or penalties or required to repay amounts received from government for previously billed patient services. Although we believe our policies, procedures and practices comply with governmental regulations, no assurance can be given that we will not be subjected to governmental inquiries or actions. Even if we were to ultimately prevail, the government s inquiries and/or actions could have a material adverse effect on our future operating results.

(6) Segment Reporting

Our reportable operating segments consist of acute care hospital services and behavioral health care services. The Other segment column below includes centralized services including information services, purchasing, reimbursement, accounting, taxation, legal, advertising, design and construction, and patient accounting as well as the operating results for our other operating entities including outpatient surgery and radiation centers. The chief operating decision making group for our acute care hospital services and behavioral health care services is comprised of the President and Chief Executive Officer, and the lead executives of each operating segment. The lead executives for each operating segment also manage the profitability of each respective segment s various facilities. The operating segments are managed separately because each operating segment represents a business unit that offers different types of healthcare services or operates in different healthcare environments. The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006.

	Hospital	Health		Total
	Services	Services (Dollar amour	Other its in thousands	Consolidated
Gross inpatient revenues	\$ 2,095,327	\$ 452,223	its in thousands	\$ 2,547,550
Gross outpatient revenues	\$ 900,787	\$ 54,470	\$ 20,648	\$ 975,905
Total net revenues	\$ 863,206	\$ 285,013	\$ 31,998	\$ 1,180,217
Income/(loss) before income taxes	\$ 37,040	\$ 50,670	\$ (43,952)	\$ 43,758
Total assets as of 9/30/07	\$ 2,333,690	\$ 935,194	\$ 330,044	\$ 3,598,928
Licensed beds	5,417	7,485		12,902
Available beds	5,110	7,453		12,563
Patient days	290,968	506,466		797,434
Admissions	64,817	30,156		94,973
Average length of stay	4.5	16.8		8.4

Three Months ended September 30, 2007 Acute Care Behavioral

	Nia Acute Care	Nine Months ended September 30 Acute Care Behavioral			
	Hospital	Health		Total	
	Services	Services (Dollar amoun	Other ts in thousands)	Consolidated	
Gross inpatient revenues	\$ 6,458,535	\$ 1,339,098		\$ 7,797,633	
Gross outpatient revenues	\$ 2,666,277	\$ 173,558	\$ 60,965	\$ 2,900,800	
Total net revenues	\$ 2,609,743	\$ 847,578	\$ 99,473	\$ 3,556,794	
Income/(loss) before income taxes	\$ 177,773	\$ 163,003	\$ (131,098)	\$ 209,678	
Total assets as of 9/30/07	\$ 2,333,690	\$ 935,194	\$ 330,044	\$ 3,598,928	
Licensed beds	5,417	7,269		12,686	
Available beds	5,110	7,229		12,339	
Patient days	886,844	1,489,301		2,376,145	
Admissions	197,722	89,182		286,904	
Average length of stay	4.5	16.7		8.3	

Three Months ended September 30, 2006 Acute Care Behavioral

	Hospital	Health		Total
	Services	Services (Dollar amoun	Other ts in thousands)	Consolidated
Gross inpatient revenues	\$ 1,813,162	\$ 416,515		\$ 2,229,677
Gross outpatient revenues	\$ 717,752	\$ 47,809	\$ 21,906	\$ 787,467
Total net revenues	\$ 777,632	\$ 254,170	\$ 11,655	\$ 1,043,457
Income/(loss) before income taxes	\$ 171,694	\$ 47,475	\$ (39,436)	\$ 179,733
Total assets as of 9/30/06	\$ 2,126,231	\$ 765,102	\$ 257,694	\$ 3,149,027
Licensed beds	5,139	6,640		11,779
Available beds	4,858	6,582		11,440
Patient days	268,537	467,860		736,397
Admissions	60,656	28,100		88,756
Average length of stay	4.4	16.6		8.3

Nine Months ended September 30, 2006 Acute Care Behavioral

	Hospital	Health		Total
	Services	Services (Dollar amoun	Other ts in thousands)	Consolidated
Gross inpatient revenues	\$ 5,607,700	\$ 1,244,739		\$ 6,852,439
Gross outpatient revenues	\$ 2,147,156	\$ 154,605	\$ 63,571	\$ 2,365,332
Total net revenues	\$ 2,323,560	\$ 767,416	\$ 34,443	\$ 3,125,419
Income/(loss) before income taxes	\$ 322,820	\$ 152,577	\$ (117,585)	\$ 357,812
Total assets as of 9/30/06	\$ 2,126,231	\$ 765,102	\$ 257,694	\$ 3,149,027
Licensed beds	5,047	6,492		11,539
Available beds	4,756	6,434		11,190
Patient days	819,711	1,386,299		2,206,010
Admissions	184,374	84,100		268,474
Average length of stay	4.4	16.5		8.2

(7) Earnings Per Share Data (EPS) and Stock Based Compensation

Basic earnings per share are based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share are based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period adjusted to give effect to common stock equivalents.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share for the periods indicated (in thousands, except per share data):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30, n thousands)	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Basic:				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 29,002	\$ 114,029	\$ 130,616	\$ 225,392
Less: Dividends on unvested restricted stock, net of taxes	(18)	(20)	(62)	(63)
Income from continuing operations basic	\$ 28,984	\$ 114,009	\$ 130,554	\$ 225,329
Loss from discontinued operations	(148)	(84)	(183)	(104)
Net income basic	\$ 28,836	\$ 113,925	\$ 130,371	\$ 225,225
Diluted:				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 29,002	\$ 114,029	\$ 130,616	\$ 225,392
Less: Dividends on unvested restricted stock, net of taxes	(18)	(20)	(62)	(63)
Add: Debenture interest, net of taxes				4,902
Income from continuing operations diluted	\$ 28,984	\$114,009	\$ 130,554	\$ 230,231
Loss from discontinued operations	(148)	(84)	(183)	(104)
Net income diluted	\$ 28,836	\$ 113,925	\$ 130,371	\$ 230,127
Weighted average number of common shares	53,481	56,794	53,491	54,764
Net effect of dilutive stock options and grants based on the treasury stock method	148	207	190	227
Assumed conversion of discounted convertible debentures				4,168
Weighted average number of common shares and equivalents	53,629	57,001	53,681	59,159
Earnings Per Basic Share:				
From continuing operations	\$ 0.54	\$ 2.01	\$ 2.44	\$ 4.11
From discontinued operations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total earnings per basic share	\$ 0.54	\$ 2.01	\$ 2.44	\$ 4.11
Earnings Per Diluted Share:				
From continuing operations	\$ 0.54	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.43	\$ 3.89
From discontinued operations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total earnings per diluted share	\$ 0.54	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.43	\$ 3.89

Stock-Based Compensation: During the three months ending September 30, 2007 and 2006, compensation cost of \$2.1 million (\$1.3 million after-tax) and \$1.7 million (\$1.1 million after-tax), respectively, was recognized related to outstanding stock options. During the nine months ending September 30, 2007 and 2006, compensation costs of \$6.6 million (\$4.1 million after-tax) and \$4.9 million (\$3.1 million after-tax), respectively, was recognized related to outstanding stock options. Juring the nine months ending September 30, 2007 and 2006, compensation costs of \$6.6 million (\$4.1 million after-tax) and \$4.9 million (\$3.1 million after-tax), respectively, was recognized related to outstanding stock options. In addition, during the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, compensation costs of \$1.8 million (\$1.1 million after-tax) and \$1.3 million (\$824,000 after-tax), respectively, was recognized related to restricted stock, and during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, compensation costs of \$5.9 million (\$3.6 million after taxes) and \$4.1 million (\$2.6 million after taxes) was recognized related to restricted stock. As of September 30, 2007 there was \$26.4 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested options and restricted stock which is expected to be recognized over the remaining weighted

average vesting period of 2.5 years. During the third quarter of 2007, there were 52,000 stock options, net of cancellations, granted under this plan with a weighted-average grant-date fair value of \$11.84 per option. There were no restricted stock shares granted during the third quarter of 2007. During the nine months of 2007, there were 77,000 stock options, net of cancellations, granted under this plan with a weighted-average grant-date fair value of \$12.41 per option and 11,125 of restricted stock granted with a weighted-average grant date fair value of \$59.32 per share.

(8) Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income or loss is recorded in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 130, Reporting Comprehensive Income . SFAS No. 130 establishes standards for reporting comprehensive income and its components in financial statements. Comprehensive income (loss) is comprised of net income, changes in unrealized gains or losses on derivative financial instruments and foreign currency translation adjustments.

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended		
	September 30,			September 30,	
(amounts in thousands)	2007	2006	2007	2006	
Net income	\$ 28,854	\$ 113,945	\$ 130,433	\$ 225,288	
Other comprehensive income (loss):					
Unrealized derivative gains on cash flow hedges, net of taxes		(86)		2,049	
Recognition of derivative gains on cash flow hedges, net of taxes	(84)		(252)		
Comprehensive income	\$ 28,770	\$ 113,859	\$ 130,181	\$ 227,337	

(9) Dispositions and Acquisitions of assets and businesses

Acquisitions and divestitures during the nine months ended September 30, 2007:

During the first nine months of 2007, we paid \$103 million to acquire:

certain assets of Texoma Healthcare System located in Texas, including a 234-bed acute-care hospital, a 60-bed behavioral health hospital, a 21-bed freestanding rehabilitation hospital and TexomaCare, a 34-physician group practice structured as a 501A corporation (acquired during the first quarter of 2007);

a previously leased, real property assets of a behavioral health facility located in Ohio (acquired during the first quarter of 2007);

a 52-bed behavioral health facility located in Delaware (acquired during the second quarter of 2007);

a 97-bed behavioral health facility located in Pennsylvania (acquired during the third quarter of 2007), and;

a 78-bed behavioral health facility located in Utah (acquired during the third quarter of 2007). Also, during the first quarter of 2007, we received \$5 million in connection with the sale of vacant real property located in McAllen, Texas resulting in a \$2 million pre-tax gain which is included in our financial results for the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

Acquisitions during the nine months ended September 30, 2006:

During the first nine months of 2006, we paid \$46 million to acquire:

the assets of behavioral health care facilities located in Florida and Georgia (acquired during the first quarter of 2006);

a 128-bed behavioral health facility in Utah (acquired during the third quarter of 2006);

the assets of an 86-bed behavioral health facility in Colorado (acquired during the third quarter of 2006), and;

a medical office building in Nevada (acquired during the third quarter of 2006).

(10) Dividends

A dividend of \$.08 per share or \$4.3 million in the aggregate was declared by the Board of Directors on July 19, 2007 and was paid on September 17, 2007 to shareholders of record as of August 31, 2007.

(11) Pension Plan

The following table shows the components of net periodic pension cost for our defined benefit pension plan as of September 30, 2007 and 2006 (amounts in thousands):

	Three Mor	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	Septem	September 30,		September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006	
Service cost	\$ 336	\$ 348	\$ 1,008	\$ 1,044	
Interest cost	1,091	1,100	3,273	3,300	
Expected return on assets	(1,193)	(935)	(3,579)	(2,805)	
Recognized actuarial loss	280	444	840	1,332	
Net periodic pension cost	\$ 514	\$ 957	\$ 1,542	\$ 2,871	

During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, we made contributions of \$5.7 million to our pension plan.

(12) Income Taxes

We adopted the provisions of FASB Interpretation No. 48 Accounting for Uncertainty in Income taxes, (FIN 48) effective January 1, 2007. As a result of the implementation of FIN 48, we recognized a \$12 million decrease in the liability for unrecognized tax benefits. This decrease in the liability resulted in an increase to the January 1, 2007 balance of retained earnings of approximately \$12 million. As of January 1, 2007, after the implementation of FIN 48, our unrecognized tax benefits were approximately \$6 million. The amount, if recognized, that would affect the effective tax rate is approximately \$4 million.

During the third quarter of 2007, the estimated liabilities for uncertain tax positions (including accrued interest) were reduced due to the lapse of the statute of limitations of various taxing authorities resulting in a net income tax benefit of approximately \$2 million.

We recognize accrued interest and penalties associated with uncertain tax positions as part of the tax provision. As of January 1, 2007, we had approximately \$1 million of accrued interest and penalties. As of September 30, 2007, we have less than \$1 million of accrued interest and penalties. The U.S. federal statute of limitations remains open for the 2004 and subsequent years. Foreign and U.S. state and local jurisdictions have statutes of limitations generally ranging from 3 to 4 years. The statute of limitations on certain jurisdictions could expire within the next twelve months. It is reasonably possible that the amount of unrecognized tax benefits will change during the next 12 months due to the closing of the statute of limitations and that change, if it were to occur, could have a favorable impact on our results of operations.

Item 2. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition Overview

Our principal business is owning and operating, through our subsidiaries, acute care hospitals, behavioral health centers, surgical hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers and radiation oncology centers. As of September 30, 2007, we owned and/or operated or had under construction, 31 acute care hospitals (including 2 new facilities currently being constructed and 4 closed facilities located in Louisiana, as discussed below) and 113 behavioral health centers located in 32 states, Washington, DC and Puerto Rico. Since the third quarter of 2005, four of our acute care facilities in Louisiana were severely damaged and remain closed and non-operational as a result of Hurricane Katrina. As part of our ambulatory treatment centers division, we manage and/or own outright or in partnerships with physicians, 11 surgical hospitals and surgery and radiation oncology centers located in 6 states and Puerto Rico.

Net revenues from our acute care hospitals, surgical hospitals, surgery centers and radiation oncology centers accounted for 74% and 75% of our consolidated net revenues during the three month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and 74% and 75% during the nine month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Net revenues from our behavioral health care facilities accounted for 24% of our consolidated net revenues during each of the three month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Approximately 2% of our consolidated net revenues during each of the three month periods, respectively. Approximately 2% of our consolidated net revenues during each of the three and nine month period ended September 30, 2007 were recorded in connection with a construction management contract pursuant to the terms of which we are building a newly constructed acute care hospital for an unrelated third party.

Services provided by our hospitals include general surgery, internal medicine, obstetrics, emergency room care, radiology, oncology, diagnostic care, coronary care, pediatric services, pharmacy services and behavioral health services. We provide capital resources as well as a variety of management services to our facilities, including central purchasing, information services, finance and control systems, facilities planning, physician recruitment services, administrative personnel management, marketing and public relations.

Forward-Looking Statements and Risk Factors

This Quarterly Report contains forward-looking statements that reflect our current estimates, expectations and projections about our future results, performance, prospects and opportunities. Forward-looking statements include, among other things, the information concerning our possible future results of operations, business and growth strategies, financing plans, expectations that regulatory developments or other matters will not have a material adverse effect on our business or financial condition, our competitive position and the effects of competition, the projected growth of the industry in which we operate, and the benefits and synergies to be obtained from our completed and any future acquisitions, and statements of our goals and objectives, and other similar expressions concerning matters that are not historical facts. Words would, predicts, potential, continue, such as may, will, should, could, expects, anticipates, future, intends, plans. projects and similar expressions, as well as statements in future tense, identify forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements should not be read as a guarantee of future performance or results, and will not necessarily be accurate indications of the times at, or by which, such performance or results will be achieved. Forward-looking information is based on information available at the time and/or our good faith belief with respect to future events, and is subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual performance or results to differ materially from those expressed in the statements. Such factors include, among other things, the following:

our ability to comply with existing laws and government regulations and/or changes in laws and government regulations;

possible unfavorable changes in the levels and terms of reimbursement for our charges by third party payors or government programs, including Medicare or Medicaid;

an increase in the number of uninsured and self-pay patients treated at our acute care facilities that unfavorably impacts our ability to satisfactorily and timely collect our self-pay patient accounts;

our ability to enter into managed care provider agreements on acceptable terms;

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the outcome of known and unknown litigation, government investigations, and liabilities and other claims asserted against us, including the government s ongoing investigations of our South Texas Health Systems affiliates;

national, regional and local economic and business conditions;

competition from other healthcare providers, including physician owned facilities in certain markets, including McAllen/Edinburg, Texas, the site of one of our largest acute care facilities;

technological and pharmaceutical improvements that increase the cost of providing, or reduce the demand for healthcare;

our ability to attract and retain qualified personnel, nurses, physicians and other healthcare professionals and the impact on our labor expenses resulting from a shortage of nurses and other healthcare professionals;

demographic changes;

our ability to successfully integrate and improve our recent acquisitions and the availability of suitable acquisitions and divestiture opportunities;

a significant portion of our revenues is produced by a small number of our facilities;

the availability and terms of capital to fund the growth of our business;

some of our acute care facilities continue to experience decreasing inpatient admission trends;

our financial statements reflect large amounts due from various commercial and private payors and there can be no assurance that failure of the payors to remit amounts due to us will not have a material adverse effect on our future results of operations;

the ability to obtain adequate levels of general and professional liability insurance on current terms;

changes in our business strategies or development plans;

fluctuations in the value of our common stock, and;

other factors referenced herein or in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Given these uncertainties, risks and assumptions, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. Our actual results and financial condition could differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, the forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date the statements are made. We assume no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements to reflect actual results, changes in assumptions or changes in other factors affecting forward-looking information, except as may be required by law. All forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. We consider our critical accounting policies to be those that require us to make significant judgments and estimates when we prepare our consolidated financial statements, including the following:

Revenue recognition: We record revenues and related receivables for health care services at the time the services are provided. Medicare and Medicaid revenues represented 39% of our net patient revenues during each of the three month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 and 37% during each of the nine month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006. Revenues from managed care entities, including health maintenance organizations and managed Medicare and Medicaid programs accounted for 44% and 41% of our net patient revenues during the three month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and 44% and 42% during the nine month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

We report net patient service revenue at the estimated net realizable amounts from patients and third-party payors and others for services rendered. We have agreements with third-party payors that provide for payments to us at amounts different from our established rates. Payment arrangements include prospectively determined rates per discharge, reimbursed costs, discounted charges and per diem payments. Estimates of contractual allowances under managed care plans are based upon the payment terms specified in the related contractual agreements. We closely monitor our historical collection rates, as well as changes in applicable laws, rules and regulations and contract terms, to assure that provisions are made using the most accurate information available. However, due to the complexities involved in these estimations, actual payments from payors may be different from the amounts we estimate and record.

We estimate our Medicare and Medicaid revenues using the latest available financial information, patient utilization data, government provided data and in accordance with applicable Medicare and Medicaid payment rules and regulations. The

laws and regulations governing the Medicare and Medicaid programs are extremely complex and subject to interpretation and as a result, there is at least a reasonable possibility that recorded estimates will change by material amounts in the near term. Certain types of payments by the Medicare program and state Medicaid programs (e.g. Medicare Disproportionate Share Hospital, Medicare Allowable Bad Debts and Inpatient Psychiatric Services) are subject to retroactive adjustment in future periods as a result of administrative review and audit and our estimates may vary from the final settlements. Such amounts are included in accounts receivable, net, on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. The funding of both federal Medicare and state Medicaid programs are subject to legislative and regulatory changes. As such, we can not make any assurance that future legislation and regulations, if enacted, will not have a material impact on our future Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements.

We provide care to patients who meet certain financial or economic criteria without charge or at amounts substantially less than our established rates. Because we do not pursue collection of amounts determined to qualify as charity care, they are not reported in net revenues or in accounts receivable, net. Our acute care hospitals provided charity care and uninsured discounts, based on charges at established rates, amounting to \$149 million and \$99 million during the three month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and \$418 million and \$326 million during the nine month periods ended September 30, 2007, respectively.

Provision for Doubtful Accounts: Collection of receivables from third-party payors and patients is our primary source of cash and is critical to our operating performance. Our primary collection risks relate to uninsured patients and the portion of the bill which is the patient s responsibility, primarily co-payments and deductibles. We estimate our provisions for doubtful accounts based on general factors such as payor mix, the agings of the receivables and historical collection experience. We routinely review accounts receivable balances in conjunction with these factors and other economic conditions which might ultimately affect the collectibility of the patient accounts and make adjustments to our allowances as warranted. At our acute care hospitals, third party accounts are pursued until all payment and adjustments are posted to the patient account. For those accounts with a patient balance after third party liability is finalized or accounts for uninsured patients, the patient is sent at least two statements followed by a series of collection letters. If the patient is deemed unwilling to pay, the account is written-off as bad debt and transferred to an outside collection agency for additional collection effort. Patients that express an inability to pay are reviewed for write-off as potential charity care. Our accounts receivable are recorded net of established charity care reserves of \$83 million as of September 30, 2007 and \$67 million as of December 31, 2006.

Uninsured patients that do not qualify as charity patients are extended an uninsured discount of at least 20% of total charges. During the collection process the hospital establishes a partial reserve in the allowance for doubtful accounts for self-pay balances outstanding for greater than 60 days from the date of discharge. All self-pay accounts at the hospital level are fully reserved if they have been outstanding for greater than 90 days from the date of discharge. Third party liability accounts are fully reserved in the allowance for doubtful accounts when the balance ages past 180 days from the date of discharge. Potential charity accounts are fully reserved when it is determined the patient may be unable to pay.

On a consolidated basis, we monitor our total self-pay receivables to ensure that the total allowance for doubtful accounts provides adequate coverage based on historical collection experience. At September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, accounts receivable are recorded net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$124 million and \$110 million, respectively.

Self-Insured Risks: We provide for self-insured risks, primarily general and professional liability claims and workers compensation claims, based on estimates of the ultimate costs for both reported claims and claims incurred but not reported. Estimated losses from asserted and incurred but not reported claims are accrued based on our estimates of the ultimate costs of the claims, which includes costs associated with litigating or settling claims, and the relationship of past reported incidents to eventual claims payments. All relevant information, including our own historical experience, the nature and extent of existing asserted claims and reported incidents, and independent actuarial analyses of this information, is used in estimating the expected amount of claims. We also consider amounts that may be recovered from excess insurance carriers, state guaranty funds and other sources in estimating our ultimate net liability for such risk. Our estimated self-insured reserves are reviewed and changed, if necessary, at each reporting date and changes are recognized currently as additional expense or as a reduction of expense.

In addition, we also maintain self-insured employee benefits programs for employee healthcare and dental claims. The ultimate costs related to these programs include expenses for claims incurred and paid in addition to an accrual for the estimated expenses incurred in connection with claims incurred but not yet reported.

Long-Lived Assets: We review our long-lived assets, including amortizable intangible assets, for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of these assets may not be recoverable. The assessment of possible impairment is based on our ability to recover the carrying value of our asset based on our estimate of its undiscounted future cash flow. If the analysis indicates that the carrying value is not recoverable from future cash flows, the asset is written down to its estimated fair value and an impairment loss is recognized. Fair values are determined based on estimated future cash flows using appropriate discount rates.

Goodwill: Goodwill is reviewed for impairment at the reporting unit level on an annual basis or sooner if the indicators of impairment arise. Our judgments regarding the existence of impairment indicators are based on market conditions and operational performance of each reporting unit. We have designated September 1st as our annual impairment assessment date and performed an impairment assessment as of September 1, 2007, which indicated no impairment of goodwill. Future changes in the estimates used to conduct the impairment review, including profitability and market value projections, could indicate impairment in future periods potentially resulting in a write-off of a portion or all of our goodwill.

Income Taxes: Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the amount of taxes payable or deductible in future years as a result of differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their reported amounts in the financial statements. We believe that future income will enable us to realize our deferred tax assets net of recorded valuation allowances relating to state net operating loss carryforwards and other deferred tax assets.

We operate in multiple jurisdictions with varying tax laws. We are subject to audits by any of these taxing authorities. Our tax returns have been examined by the Internal Revenue Service through the year ended December 31, 2002. We believe that adequate accruals have been provided for federal, foreign and state taxes.

Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes: We adopted the provisions of FASB Interpretation No. 48 Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, (FIN 48) effective January 1, 2007. As a result of the implementation of FIN 48, we recognized a \$12 million decrease in the liability for unrecognized tax benefits. This decrease in the liability resulted in an increase to the January 1, 2007 balance of retained earnings of approximately \$12 million. As of January 1, 2007, after implementation of FIN 48, our unrecognized tax benefits were approximately \$6 million. The amount, if recognized, that would affect the effective tax rate is approximately \$4 million.

During the third quarter of 2007, the estimated liabilities for uncertain tax positions (including accrued interest) were reduced due to the lapse of the statute of limitations of various taxing authorities resulting in a net income tax benefit of approximately \$2 million.

We recognize accrued interest and penalties associated with uncertain tax positions as part of the tax provision. As of January 1, 2007, we had approximately \$1 million of accrued interest and penalties. As of September 30, 2007, we have less than \$1 million of accrued interest and penalties. The U.S. federal statute of limitations remains open for the 2004 and subsequent years. Foreign and U.S. state and local jurisdictions have statutes of limitations generally ranging from 3 to 4 years. The statute of limitations on certain jurisdictions could expire within the next twelve months. It is reasonably possible that the amount of unrecognized tax benefits will change during the next 12 months due to the closing of the statute of limitations and that change, if it were to occur, could have a favorable impact on our results of operations.

Physician Guarantees and Commitments: On January 1, 2006, we adopted the FASB issued Interpretation No. 45-3, *Application of FASB Interpretation No. 45 to Minimum Revenue Guarantees Granted to a Business or Its Owners* (FIN 45-3). Under FIN 45-3, the accounting requirements of FIN 45 are effective for any new revenue guarantees issued or modified on or after January 1, 2006 and the disclosure of all revenue guarantees, regardless of whether they were recognized under FIN 45, is required for all interim and annual periods beginning after January 1, 2006.

Our accrued liabilities and our other assets include \$10 million as of September 30, 2007 and \$9 million as of December 31, 2006, of estimated future payments related to physician-related contractual commitments entered into during 2006 and 2007. Including all potential financial obligations pursuant to contractual guarantees outstanding as of September 30, 2007 (including commitments entered into prior to 2006) we have \$26 million of potential future financial obligations of which \$9 million are potential obligations during 2008 and \$6 million are potential obligations during 2009 and later.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Management (SFAS No. 157). SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years. The provisions for SFAS 157 are to be applied prospectively as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which it is initially applied, except in limited circumstances including certain positions in financial instruments that trade in active markets as well as certain financial and hybrid financial instruments initially measured under SFAS No. 133

Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities (SFAS No. 133) using the transaction price method. In these circumstances, the transition adjustment, measured as the difference between the carrying amounts and the fair values of those financial instruments at the date SFAS No. 157 is initially applied, shall be recognized as a cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings for the fiscal year in which SFAS No. 157 is initially applied. We do not anticipate that the adoption of SFAS No. 157 will have a material impact on our results of operations or financial position.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115, (SFAS No. 159). SFAS No. 159 permits a company to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value at specified election dates. Most of the provisions in SFAS No. 159 are elective; however, it applies to all companies with available-for-sale and trading securities. A company will report unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been reflected in earnings at each subsequent reporting date. The fair value option: (a) may be applied instrument by instrument, with a few exceptions, such as investments otherwise accounted for by the equity method; (b) is irrevocable (unless a new election date occurs), and; (c) is applied only to entire instruments and not to portions of instruments. SFAS No. 159 is effective as of the beginning of a company s first fiscal year beginning after November 15, 2007. We are currently evaluating this statement and have not yet determined the impact of such on our results of operations or financial position.

Results of Operations

The following table summarizes our results of operations, and is used in the discussion below, for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006:

	Three months ended		Three months ended	
	September 30, 2007 % of		September	30, 2006 % of
	Amount	Revenues	Amount	Revenues
Net revenues	\$ 1,180,217	100.0%	\$ 1,043,457	100.0%
Operating charges:				
Salaries, wages and benefits	510,917	43.3%	459,099	44.0%
Other operating expenses	265,534	22.5%	211,875	20.3%
Supplies expense	162,342	13.8%	146,944	14.1%
Provision for doubtful accounts	110,451	9.4%	97,901	9.4%
Depreciation and amortization	46,548	3.9%	40,961	3.9%
Lease and rental expense	17,920	1.5%	16,184	1.6%
Hurricane related expenses, net	82	0.0%	4,172	0.4%
Hurricane insurance recoveries			(4,172)	-0.4%
Subtotal operating expenses	1,113,794	94.4%	972,964	93.2%
Income before interest expense, hurricane insurance recoveries in excess of				
expenses, minority interests and income taxes	66,423	5.6%	70,493	6.8%
Interest expense, net	12,881	1.1%	6,140	0.6%
Hurricane insurance recoveries in excess of expenses			(130,328)	-12.5%
Minority interests in earnings of consolidated entities	9,784	0.8%	14,948	1.4%
Income before income taxes	43,758	3.7%	179,733	17.2%
Provision for income taxes	14,756	1.3%	65,704	6.3%
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Income from continuing operations	29,002	2.4%	114,029	10.9%
Loss from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	(148)	0.0%	(84)	0.0%
Net income	\$ 28,854	2.4%	\$ 113,945	10.9%

Net revenues increased 13% or \$137 million to \$1.18 billion during the three month period ended September 30, 2007 as compared to \$1.04 billion during the comparable prior year quarter. The increase was attributable to:

a \$78 million or 8% increase in net revenues generated at acute care hospitals and behavioral health care facilities owned during both periods (which we refer to as same facility);

\$38 million of other combined increases in revenues resulting from the acute care facility and behavioral health care facilities acquired during 2006 and 2007, and;

\$21 million of other combined net increases in revenues resulting primarily from the revenues earned during the third quarter of 2007 in connection with a construction management contract pursuant to the terms of which we are building a newly constructed acute care hospital for an unrelated third party.

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Income before income taxes decreased \$136 million to \$44 million during the three months ended September 30, 2007 as compared to \$180 million during the comparable quarter of the prior year. Included in our income before income taxes during the third quarter of 2007, as compared to the comparable prior year quarter, was the following:

a decrease of \$124 million resulting from the hurricane insurance recoveries, in excess of expenses, recorded during the third quarter of 2006 (\$130 million pre-minority interest), as discussed below;

a decrease of \$11 million at our acute care facilities, as discussed below in Acute Care Hospital Services (exclusive of Hurricane related expenses and recoveries);

an increase of \$3 million at our behavioral health care facilities, as discussed below in Behavioral Health Services;

a decrease of \$7 million due to an increase in interest expense, and;