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FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2016

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: 001-33989

LHC GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 71-0918189
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

901 Hugh Wallis Road South

Lafayette, LA 70508

(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

(337) 233-1307

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, 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

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

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

Number of shares of common stock, par value \$0.01, outstanding as of August 1, 2016: 18,153,362 shares.

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PART I — FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

LHC GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Amounts in thousands, except share data)

(Unaudited)

	June 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$19,725	\$6,139
Receivables:		
Patient accounts receivable, less allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$28,692 and \$26,712, respectively	121,644	110,350
Other receivables	2,095	2,093
Amounts due from governmental entities	964	1,081
Total receivables, net	124,703	113,524
Prepaid income taxes	6,030	1,949
Prepaid expenses	16,092	10,833
Other current assets	6,987	5,835
Receivable due from insurance carrier	—	550
Total current assets	173,537	138,830
Property, building and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$39,034 and \$38,907, respectively	45,894	38,096
Goodwill	297,160	290,694
Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$9,716 and \$8,496, respectively	100,690	96,405
Other assets	2,364	2,029
Total assets	\$619,645	\$566,054
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	\$24,471	\$24,586
Salaries, wages, and benefits payable	49,210	28,098
Self-insurance reserve	12,341	9,636
Current portion of long-term debt	246	241
Amounts due to governmental entities	5,038	7,055
Legal settlement payable	—	550
Total current liabilities	91,306	70,166
Deferred income taxes	25,787	23,729
Income tax payable	1,678	3,415
Revolving credit facility	110,000	98,000
Long-term debt, less current portion	423	543
Total liabilities	229,194	195,853
Noncontrolling interest — redeemable	12,642	12,408
Stockholders' equity:		
LHC Group, Inc. stockholders' equity:		
Common stock — \$0.01 par value; 40,000,000 shares authorized; 22,402,310 and 22,224,423 shares issued in 2016 and 2015, respectively	224	222
Treasury stock — 4,821,124 and 4,776,560 shares at cost, respectively	(38,842)	(37,139)

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Additional paid-in capital	117,142	113,793
Retained earnings	294,856	277,706
Total LHC Group, Inc. stockholders' equity	373,380	354,582
Noncontrolling interest — non-redeemable	4,429	3,211
Total equity	377,809	357,793
Total liabilities and equity	\$619,645	\$566,054

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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LHC GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
 (Amounts in thousands, except share and per share data)
 (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Net service revenue	\$226,031	\$200,172	\$448,583	\$393,251
Cost of service revenue	137,128	116,639	272,729	231,065
Gross margin	88,903	83,533	175,854	162,186
Provision for bad debts	3,782	4,805	8,383	10,064
General and administrative expenses	68,261	60,250	134,297	119,264
Loss on disposal of assets	1,043	120	1,247	404
Operating income	15,817	18,358	31,927	32,454
Interest expense	(466)	(554)	(1,351)	(1,099)
Income before income taxes and noncontrolling interest	15,351	17,804	30,576	31,355
Income tax expense	3,596	6,220	8,938	10,949
Net income	11,755	11,584	21,638	20,406
Less net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	2,291	2,634	4,488	4,651
Net income attributable to LHC Group, Inc.'s common stockholders	\$9,464	\$8,950	\$17,150	\$15,755
Earnings per share — basic:				
Net income attributable to LHC Group, Inc.'s common stockholders	\$0.54	\$0.51	\$0.98	\$0.91
Earnings per share — diluted:				
Net income attributable to LHC Group, Inc.'s common stockholders	\$0.54	\$0.51	\$0.97	\$0.90
Weighted average shares outstanding:				
Basic	17,566,097	17,410,971	17,525,937	17,366,141
Diluted	17,685,147	17,529,100	17,649,620	17,528,101

See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

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LHC GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
 (Amounts in thousands, except share data)
 (Unaudited)

	Common Stock Issued Amount	Shares	Treasury Amount	Shares	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Noncontrolling Interest Non Redeemable	Total Equity
Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$222	22,224,423	\$(37,139)	(4,776,560)	\$113,793	\$277,706	\$3,211	\$357,793
Net income (1)	—	—	—	—	—	17,150	652	17,802
Acquired noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	627	627
Noncontrolling interest distributions	—	—	—	—	—	—	(736)	(736)
Stock options exercised	—	5,500	—	—	109	—	—	109
Sale of noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	(374)	—	539	165
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	136	136
Nonvested stock compensation	—	—	—	—	2,236	—	—	2,236
Issuance of vested stock	2	160,612	—	—	(2)	—	—	—
Treasury shares redeemed to pay income tax	—	—	(1,703)	(44,564)	—	—	—	(1,703)
Excess tax benefits — vesting nonvested stock	—	—	—	—	935	—	—	935
Issuance of common stock under Employee Stock Purchase Plan	—	11,775	—	—	445	—	—	445
Balance as of June 30, 2016	\$224	22,402,310	\$(38,842)	(4,821,124)	\$117,142	\$294,856	\$4,429	\$377,809

Net income excludes net income attributable to noncontrolling interest-redeemable of \$3.8 million during the six (1) months ending June 30, 2016. Noncontrolling interest-redeemable is reflected outside of permanent equity on the condensed consolidated balance sheets. See Note 9 of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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LHC GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
 (Amounts in thousands)
 (Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2016	2015
Operating activities:		
Net income	\$21,638	\$20,406
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization expense	5,911	5,801
Provision for bad debts	8,383	10,064
Stock-based compensation expense	2,236	2,073
Deferred income taxes	2,058	1,008
Impairment of intangibles and other	—	248
Loss on disposal of assets	1,247	404
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:		
Receivables	(19,758)	(12,812)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(6,446)	(3,735)
Prepaid income taxes	(4,364)	868
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	21,867	24,341
Net amounts due to/from governmental entities	(1,900)	(715)
Net cash provided by operating activities	30,872	47,951
Investing activities:		
Purchases of property, building and equipment	(13,712)	(5,205)
Cash paid for acquisitions, primarily goodwill and intangible assets	(11,515)	(566)
Other	273	—
Net cash used in investing activities	(24,954)	(5,771)
Financing activities:		
Proceeds from line of credit	35,000	2,000
Payments on line of credit	(23,000)	(22,000)
Proceeds from employee stock purchase plan	445	389
Payments on debt	(115)	(113)
Noncontrolling interest distributions	(4,338)	(4,069)
Excess tax benefits from vesting of stock awards	1,218	811
Withholding taxes paid on stock-based compensation	(1,703)	(1,329)
Purchase of additional controlling interest	—	(275)
Sale of noncontrolling interest	52	—
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	109	145
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	7,668	(24,441)
Change in cash	13,586	17,739
Cash at beginning of period	6,139	531
Cash at end of period	\$19,725	\$18,270
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Interest paid	\$1,489	\$765
Income taxes paid	\$10,635	\$8,208
See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.		

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LHC GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

1. Organization

LHC Group, Inc. (the “Company”) is a health care provider specializing in the post-acute continuum of care primarily for Medicare beneficiaries. The Company provides home health services, hospice services, community-based services, and facility-based services, the latter primarily through long-term acute care hospitals (“LTACHs”). As of June 30, 2016, the Company, through its wholly- and majority-owned subsidiaries, equity joint ventures and controlled affiliates, operated 367 service providers in 25 states within the continental United States.

Unaudited Interim Financial Information

The condensed consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, and the related condensed consolidated statements of income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity for the six months ended June 30, 2016, condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 and related notes (collectively, these financial statements and the related notes are referred to herein as the “interim financial information”) have been prepared by the Company. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“U.S. GAAP”) have been included. Operating results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2016.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP have been condensed or omitted from the interim financial information presented. This report should be read in conjunction with the Company’s consolidated financial statements and related notes included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on March 3, 2016, which includes information and disclosures not included herein.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Critical Accounting Policies

The Company’s most critical accounting policies relate to the principles of consolidation, revenue recognition and accounts receivable and allowances for uncollectible accounts.

Principles of Consolidation

The interim financial information includes all subsidiaries and entities controlled by the Company. Control is defined by the Company as ownership of a majority of the voting interest of an entity. The interim financial information includes entities in which the Company receives a majority of the entities’ expected residual returns and absorbs a majority of the entities’ expected losses. Third party equity interests in the consolidated joint ventures are reflected as noncontrolling interests in the Company’s interim financial information.

The following table summarizes the percentage of net service revenue earned by type of ownership or relationship the Company had with the operating entity:

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	Three Months		Six Months	
	Ended		Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
Ownership type	2016	2015	2016	2015
Wholly-owned subsidiaries	57.0 %	54.5 %	56.9 %	54.2 %
Equity joint ventures	41.3	43.6	41.4	43.7
License leasing arrangements	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.2
Management services	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in the Company's accompanying interim financial information. Business combinations accounted for under the acquisition method have been included in the interim financial information from the respective dates of acquisition.

The following describes the Company's consolidation policy with respect to its various ventures excluding wholly-owned subsidiaries:

Equity Joint Ventures

The members of the Company's equity joint ventures participate in profits and losses in proportion to their equity interests. The Company consolidates these entities as the Company has voting control over the entities.

License Leasing Arrangements

The Company, through wholly-owned subsidiaries, leases home health licenses necessary to operate certain of its home nursing and hospice agencies. The Company owns 100% of the equity of these subsidiaries and consolidates them based on such ownership.

Management Services

The Company has various management services agreements under which the Company manages certain operations of agencies. The Company does not consolidate these agencies because the Company does not have an ownership interest in, and does not have an obligation to absorb losses of, the entities that own the agencies or the right to receive the benefits from those entities.

Revenue Recognition

The Company reports net service revenue at the estimated net realizable amount due from Medicare, Medicaid and others for services rendered. The Company assesses the patient's ability to pay for their healthcare services at the time of patient admission based on the Company's verification of the patient's insurance coverage under the Medicare, Medicaid, and other commercial or managed care insurance program. All such payors contribute to the net service revenue of the Company's home health services, hospice services, community-based services, and facility-based services.

The following table sets forth the percentage of net service revenue earned by category of payor for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015:

	Three Months		Six Months	
	Ended		Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
Payor:	2016	2015	2016	2015
Medicare	75.3 %	74.0 %	74.9 %	74.3 %
Medicaid	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.5
Other	22.9	24.5	23.4	24.2
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

The following table sets forth the percentage of net service revenue contributed from each reporting segment for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015:

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Reporting segment:	Three Months		Six Months	
	Ended		Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Home health services	72.2 %	76.6 %	72.4 %	76.3 %
Hospice services	15.0	9.3	14.4	9.0
Community-based services	4.7	5.1	4.7	5.1
Facility-based services	8.1	9.0	8.5	9.6
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Medicare**Home Health**

The Company's home nursing Medicare patients are classified into one of 153 home health resource groups prior to receiving services. Based on the patient's home health resource group, the Company is entitled to receive a standard prospective Medicare payment for delivering care over a 60-day period referred to as an episode. The Company recognizes revenue based on the number of days elapsed during an episode of care within the reporting period.

Final payments from Medicare may reflect one of four retroactive adjustments to ensure the adequacy and effectiveness of the total reimbursement: (a) an outlier payment if the patient's care was unusually costly; (b) a low utilization adjustment if the number of visits was fewer than five; (c) a partial payment if the patient transferred to another provider before completing the episode; or (d) a payment adjustment based upon the level of therapy services required. In calculating net service revenue, management estimates the impact of these payment adjustments based on historical experience and records this estimate as the services are rendered using the expected level of services that will be provided.

Hospice Services

The Company is paid by Medicare under a per diem payment system. The Company receives one of four predetermined daily or hourly rates based upon the level of care the Company furnished. The Company records net service revenue from hospice services based on the daily or hourly rate and recognizes revenue as hospice services are provided.

Hospice payments are subject to an inpatient cap and an overall Medicare payment cap. The inpatient cap relates to individual programs receiving more than 20% of its total Medicare reimbursement from inpatient care services and the overall Medicare payment cap relates to individual providers receiving reimbursements in excess of a "cap amount," calculated by multiplying the number of beneficiaries during the period by a statutory amount that is indexed for inflation. The determination for each cap is made annually based on the 12-month period ending on October 31 of each year. The Company monitors its limits on a provider-by-provider basis and records an estimate of its liability for reimbursements received in excess of the cap amount. Beginning with the cap year October 1, 2014, CMS implemented a new process requiring hospice providers to self-report their cap liabilities and remit applicable payment by March 31 of the following year.

Facility-Based Services

The Company is reimbursed by Medicare for services provided under the LTACH prospective payment system. Each patient is assigned a long-term care diagnosis-related group. The Company is paid a predetermined fixed amount intended to reflect the average cost of treating a Medicare patient classified in that particular long-term care diagnosis-related group. For selected patients, the amount may be further adjusted based on length of stay and facility-specific costs, as well as in instances where a patient is discharged and subsequently re-admitted, among other factors. The Company calculates the adjustment based on a historical average of these types of adjustments for claims paid. Similar to other Medicare prospective payment systems, the rate is also adjusted for geographic wage differences. Revenue is recognized for the Company's LTACHs as services are provided.

Medicaid, managed care and other payors

The Company's Medicaid reimbursement is based on a predetermined fee schedule applied to each service provided. Therefore, revenue is recognized for Medicaid services as services are provided based on this fee schedule. The Company's managed care and other payors reimburse the Company based upon a predetermined fee schedule or an

episodic basis, depending on the terms of the applicable contract. Accordingly, the Company recognizes revenue from managed care and other payors in the same manner as the Company recognizes revenue from Medicare or Medicaid.

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Accounts Receivable and Allowances for Uncollectible Accounts

The Company reports accounts receivable net of estimated allowances for uncollectible accounts and adjustments. Accounts receivable are uncollateralized and consist of amounts due from Medicare, other third-party payors and patients. To provide for accounts receivable that could become uncollectible in the future, the Company establishes an allowance for uncollectible accounts to reduce the carrying amount of such receivables to their estimated net realizable value. The credit risk for other concentrations of receivables is limited due to the significance of Medicare as the primary payor. The Company believes the credit risk associated with its Medicare accounts, which have historically exceeded 55% of its patient accounts receivable, is limited due to (i) the historical collection rate from Medicare and (ii) the fact that Medicare is a U.S. government payor. The Company does not believe that there are any other concentrations of receivables from any particular payor that would subject it to any significant credit risk in the collection of accounts receivable.

The provision for bad debts is based upon the Company's assessment of historical and expected net collections, business and economic conditions and trends in government reimbursement. Uncollectible accounts are written off when the Company has determined the account will not be collected.

A portion of the estimated Medicare prospective payment system reimbursement from each submitted home nursing episode is received in the form of a request for anticipated payment ("RAP"). The Company submits a RAP for 60% of the estimated reimbursement for the initial episode at the start of care. The full amount of the episode is billed after the episode has been completed. The RAP received for that particular episode is deducted from the final payment. If a final bill is not submitted within the greater of 120 days from the start of the episode, or 60 days from the date the RAP was paid, any RAP received for that episode will be recouped by Medicare from any other Medicare claims in process for that particular provider. The RAP and final claim must then be resubmitted. For subsequent episodes of care contiguous with the first episode for a particular patient, the Company submits a RAP for 50% instead of 60% of the estimated reimbursement.

The Company's services to the Medicare population are paid at prospectively set amounts that can be determined at the time services are rendered. The Company's Medicaid reimbursement is based on a predetermined fee schedule applied to each individual service it provides. The Company's managed care contracts and contracts with other payors provide for payments based upon a predetermined fee schedule or an episodic basis, depending on the terms of the applicable contract. The Company is able to calculate its actual amount due at the patient level and adjust the gross charges down to the actual amount at the time of billing. This negates the need to record an estimated contractual allowance when reporting net service revenue for each reporting period.

Other Significant Accounting Policies

Earnings Per Share

Basic per share information is computed by dividing the relevant amounts from the condensed consolidated statements of income by the weighted-average number of shares outstanding during the period, under the treasury stock method. Diluted per share information is also computed using the treasury stock method, by dividing the relevant amounts from the condensed consolidated statements of income by the weighted-average number of shares outstanding plus potentially dilutive shares.

The following table sets forth shares used in the computation of basic and diluted per share information:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Weighted average number of shares outstanding for basic per share calculation	17,566,097	17,410,971	17,525,937	17,366,141
Effect of dilutive potential shares:				
Options	1,379	3,717	1,715	2,741
Nonvested stock	117,671	114,412	121,968	159,219
Adjusted weighted average shares for diluted per share calculation	17,685,147	17,529,100	17,649,620	17,528,101
Anti-dilutive shares	30,001	—	211,101	190,385

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

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In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-3, Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs, ("ASU 2015-3") which requires an entity to present debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability as a direct deduction from that liability. The Company adopted this standard during the six months ended June 30, 2016. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-15, Interest - Imputation of Interest, which stated ASU No. 2015-3 does not address presentation or subsequent measurement of debt issuance costs related to line-of-credit arrangements; therefore, ASU No. 2015-3 will not have an effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

On May 28, 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-9, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, ("ASU 2014-9") which requires an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. ASU 2014-9 will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in U.S. GAAP when it becomes effective. The new standard is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, with early adoption permitted for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. The standard permits the use of either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. The Company is evaluating the effect that ASU 2014-9 will have on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures. The Company has not yet selected a transition method nor has it determined the effect of the standard on its ongoing financial reporting.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-2, Leases, ("ASU 2016-2") which requires lessees to recognize qualifying leases on the statement of financial position. Qualifying leases will be classified as right-of-use assets and lease liabilities. The new standard is effective on January 1, 2019. Early adoption is permitted. ASU 2016-2 mandates a modified retrospective transition method for all entities. The Company is evaluating the effect that ASU 2016-2 will have on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In March 2016, as part of its Simplification Initiative, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-9, Compensation - Stock Compensation (ASU 2016-09), which finalizes Proposed ASU No. 2015-270 of the same name, and seeks to reduce complexity in accounting standards. The areas for simplification in ASU 2016-09 involve several aspects of the accounting for share-based payment transaction, including (1) accounting for income taxes, (2) classification of excess tax benefits on the statement of cash flows, (3) forfeitures, (4) minimum statutory tax withholding requirements, (5) classification of employee taxes paid on the statement of cash flows when an employer withholds shares for tax withholding purposes, (6) the practical expedient for estimating the expected term, and (7) intrinsic value. The new standard is effective on January 1, 2017. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this guidance.

3. Acquisitions and Disposals

The Company acquired the majority-ownership of five home health agencies and seven hospice agencies during the six months ended June 30, 2016. The total aggregate purchase prices for the Company's acquisitions were \$11.5 million, of which \$11.4 million was paid in cash. The purchase prices are determined based on the Company's analysis of comparable acquisitions and the target market's potential future cash flows.

The Company's home health services segment and hospice services segment recognized goodwill of \$1.4 million and \$5.4 million, respectively. Goodwill generated from the acquisitions was recognized based on the expected contributions of each acquisition to the overall corporate strategy. The Company expects its portion of goodwill to be fully tax deductible. The acquisitions were accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting, and, accordingly, the accompanying interim financial information includes the results of operations of the acquired entities from the date of acquisition.

The following table summarizes the aggregate consideration paid for the acquisitions and the amounts of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition dates, as well as their fair value at the acquisition dates and the noncontrolling interest acquired (amounts in thousands):

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Consideration	
Cash	\$11,442
Fair value of total consideration transferred	
Recognized amounts of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed:	
Trade name	2,796
Certificates of need/licenses	2,386
Other identifiable intangible assets	141
Other assets and (liabilities), net	7
Total identifiable assets	5,330
Noncontrolling interest	627
Goodwill, including noncontrolling interest of \$479	\$6,739

Trade names, certificates of need and licenses are indefinite-lived assets and, therefore, not subject to amortization. Acquired trade names that are not being used actively are amortized over the estimated useful life on the straight line basis. Trade names are valued using the relief from royalty method, a form of the income approach. Certificates of need are valued using the replacement cost approach based on registration fees and opportunity costs. Licenses are valued based on the estimated direct costs associated with recreating the asset, including opportunity costs based on an income approach. In the case of states with a moratorium in place, the licenses are valued using the multi-period excess earnings method. The other identifiable assets include non-compete agreements that are amortized over the life of the agreements. Noncontrolling interest is valued at fair value by applying a discount to the value of the acquired entity for lack of control.

The Company conducted a preliminary assessment of deferred income tax accounting and the calculation of the final net working capital adjustment and has recognized provisional amounts in its initial accounting for the acquisition of Halcyon Healthcare, LLC ("Halcyon") for all identified liabilities in accordance with the requirements of ASC Topic 805. During the six months ended June 30, 2016, a net working capital adjustment of \$0.3 million was recorded in goodwill and the provisional amounts initially recognized for Halcyon. The Company is continuing its review of these matters during the measurement period.

4. Goodwill and Intangibles

The changes in recorded goodwill by reporting unit for the six months ended June 30, 2016 were as follows (amounts in thousands):

	Home health reporting unit	Hospice reporting unit	- Community based reporting unit	Facility-based reporting unit	Total
Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$202,995	\$ 58,136	\$ 17,972	\$ 11,591	\$290,694
Goodwill from acquisitions	1,250	5,010	—	—	6,260
Goodwill related to noncontrolling interests	123	356	—	—	479
Goodwill related to prior period net working capital adjustments.....	—	(273)	—	—	(273)
Balance as of June 30, 2016	\$204,368	\$ 63,229	\$ 17,972	\$ 11,591	\$297,160

Intangible assets consisted of the following as of June 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015 (amounts in thousands):

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June 30, 2016				
	Remaining useful life	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated amortization	Net carrying amount
Indefinite-lived assets:				
Trade names	Indefinite	\$63,355	\$ —	\$63,355
Certificates of need/licenses	Indefinite	32,193	—	32,193
Total		\$95,548	\$ —	\$95,548
Definite-lived assets:				
Trade names	1 year — 10 years	\$9,298	\$ (5,184)	\$4,114
Non-compete agreements	8 months — 3 years	5,560	(4,532)	1,028
Total		\$14,858	\$ (9,716)	\$5,142
Balance as of June 30, 2016		\$110,406	\$ (9,716)	\$100,690
December 31, 2015				
	Remaining useful life	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated amortization	Net carrying amount
Indefinite-lived assets:				
Trade names	Indefinite	\$60,762	\$ —	\$60,762
Certificates of need/licenses	Indefinite	29,807	—	\$29,807
Total		\$90,569	\$ —	\$90,569
Definite-lived assets:				
Trade names	2 months — 5 years	\$8,985	\$ (4,385)	\$4,600
Non-compete agreements	3 months — 2 years	5,347	(4,111)	1,236
Total		\$14,332	\$ (8,496)	\$5,836
Balance as of December 31, 2015		\$104,901	\$ (8,496)	\$96,405

Intangible assets of \$68.9 million, net of accumulated amortization, were related to the home health services segment, \$23.6 million were related to the hospice services segment, \$7.3 million were related to the community-based services segment, and \$0.9 million were related to the facility-based services segment as of June 30, 2016. The Company recorded \$1.2 million and \$1.0 million of amortization expense during the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. This was recorded in general and administrative expenses.

5. Debt

Credit Facility

On June 18, 2014, the Company entered into a Credit Agreement (the "Credit Agreement") with Capital One, National Association, which provides a senior, secured revolving line of credit commitment with a maximum principal borrowing limit of \$225.0 million and a letter of credit sub-limit equal to \$15.0 million. The expiration date of the Credit Agreement is June 18, 2019. Revolving loans under the Credit Agreement bear interest at either a (1) Base Rate, which is defined as a fluctuating rate per annum equal to the highest of (a) the Federal Funds Rate in effect on such day plus 0.5% (b) the Prime Rate in effect on such day and (c) the Eurodollar Rate for a one month interest period on such day plus 1.0%, plus a margin ranging from 0.75% to 1.5% per annum or (2) Eurodollar rate plus a margin ranging from 1.75% to 2.5% per annum. Swing line loans bear interest at the Base Rate. The Company is limited to 15 Eurodollar borrowings outstanding at the same time. The Company is required to pay a commitment fee for the unused commitments at rates ranging from 0.225% to 0.375% per annum depending upon the Company's consolidated Leverage Ratio, as defined in the Credit Agreement. The Base Rate at June 30, 2016 was 4.50% and the Eurodollar rate was 2.46%.

As of June 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively, the Company had \$110.0 million and \$98.0 million drawn and letters of credit totaling \$9.8 million outstanding under its credit facilities with Capital One, National Association. During the six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company incurred additional debt to fund the purchase of capital

assets and the acquisition of East Arkansas Health Holdings, which was purchased on July 1, 2016.

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As of June 30, 2016, the Company had \$105.2 million available for borrowing under the Credit Agreement with Capital One, National Association.

6. Income Taxes

As of June 30, 2016, an unrecognized tax benefit of \$1.6 million was recorded in income tax payable, which, if recognized, would decrease the Company's effective tax rate. All of the Company's unrecognized tax benefit is due to the settlement with the United States of America, which was announced September 30, 2011 at which point, the Company recorded an uncertain tax position of \$3.2 million. On July 30, 2014, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") issued a notice of proposed adjustment asserting that a portion of the original tax deduction claimed by the Company associated with the settlement with the United States of America should be disallowed. The Company is currently appealing this proposed adjustment with IRS Appeals. During the three months ended June 30, 2016, the Company reduced the unrecognized tax benefit, and reduced the income tax expense for such period, by \$1.6 million in response to new information that has changed the expectations of the potential outcome. The Company intends to continue to defend its original position of the deductibility of the full settlement amount on its 2011 tax return.

7. Stockholder's Equity

Equity Based Awards

The 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "2010 Incentive Plan") is administered by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors. A total of 1,500,000 shares of the Company's common stock were reserved and 279,937 shares are currently available for issuance pursuant to awards granted under the 2010 Incentive Plan. A variety of discretionary awards for employees, officers, directors, and consultants are authorized under the 2010 Incentive Plan, including incentive or non-qualified statutory stock options and nonvested stock. All awards must be evidenced by a written award certificate which will include the provisions specified by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The Compensation Committee determines the exercise price for non-statutory stock options. The exercise price for any option cannot be less than the fair market value of the Company's common stock as of the date of grant.

Share Based Compensation

Nonvested Stock

During the six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company's independent directors were granted 15,300 nonvested shares of common stock under the Second Amended and Restated 2005 Non-Employee Directors Compensation Plan. The shares were drawn from the 1,500,000 shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the 2010 Incentive Plan. The shares vest 100% on the one year anniversary date. During the six months ended June 30, 2016, employees were granted 195,800 nonvested shares of common stock pursuant to the 2010 Incentive Plan. The shares vest over a five year period, conditioned on continued employment. The fair value of nonvested shares of common stock is determined based on the closing trading price of the Company's common stock on the grant date. The weighted average grant date fair value of nonvested shares of common stock granted during the six months ended June 30, 2016 was \$38.18.

The following table represents the nonvested stock activity for the six months ended June 30, 2016:

	Number of shares	Weighted average grant date fair value
Nonvested shares outstanding as of December 31, 2015	527,091	\$ 26.64
Granted	211,100	\$ 38.18
Vested	(160,612)	\$ 25.88
Forfeited	(12,566)	\$ 24.36
Nonvested shares outstanding as of June 30, 2016	565,013	\$ 31.22

During the six months ended June 30, 2016, an independent director of the Company received a share based award, which will be settled in cash at March 1, 2017. The amount of such cash payment will equal the fair market value of 1,700 shares on the settlement date.

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As of June 30, 2016, there was \$13.6 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested shares of common stock granted. That cost is expected to be recognized over the weighted average period of 3.35 years. The total fair value of shares of common stock vested during the six months ended June 30, 2016 was \$4.2 million. The Company records compensation expense related to nonvested stock awards at the grant date for shares of common stock that are awarded fully vested, and over the vesting term on a straight line basis for shares of common stock that vest over time. The Company recorded \$2.2 million and \$2.1 million of compensation expense related to nonvested stock grants in the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

In 2006, the Company adopted the Employee Stock Purchase Plan whereby eligible employees may purchase the Company's common stock at 95% of the market price on the last day of the calendar quarter. There were 250,000 shares of common stock initially reserved for the plan. In 2013, the Company adopted the Amended and Restated Employee Stock Purchase Plan, which reserved an additional 250,000 shares of common stock to the plan.

The table below details the shares of common stock issued during 2016:

	Number of shares	Per share price
Shares available as of December 31, 2015	213,760	
Shares issued during the three months ended March 31, 2016	5,341	\$ 43.03
Shares issued during the three months ended June 30, 2016	6,434	\$ 33.78
Shares available as of June 30, 2016	201,985	

Stock Options

During the six months ended June 30, 2016, 5,500 options were exercised with an exercise price of \$19.75. No options were granted or forfeited during the six months ended June 30, 2016. There were no options issued or exercisable as of June 30, 2016.

Treasury Stock

In conjunction with the vesting of the nonvested shares of common stock, recipients incur personal income tax obligations. The Company allows the recipients to turn in shares of common stock to satisfy minimum tax obligations. During the six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company redeemed 44,564 shares of common stock valued at \$1.7 million, related to these tax obligations.

8. Commitments and Contingencies**Contingencies**

The Company is involved in various legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. Although the results of litigation cannot be predicted with certainty, management believes the outcome of pending litigation will not have a material adverse effect, after considering the effect of the Company's insurance coverage, on the Company's interim financial information.

On October 7, 2015, the parties entered into a Stipulation of Settlement in the consolidated case styled In re LHC Group, Inc. Derivative Litigation, Case No. 6:13-cv-02899-JTT-CBW. On October 19, 2015, Plaintiffs filed an Unopposed Motion for Preliminary Approval of Proposed Derivative Settlement. On October 26, 2015, the District Court entered an Order Preliminarily Approving Settlement in the amount of \$0.6 million. On January 11, 2016, the District Court entered its Order and Final Judgment approving the settlement and dismissing the consolidated action with prejudice. The Company's insurance carrier has funded the entire settlement amount, which was immediately releasable to Plaintiffs' counsel on January 11, 2016. The time for appeal has passed and no appeals were filed. This matter is now concluded. At December 31, 2015, the Company's balance sheet reflected the entire settlement in current assets as a receivable due from insurance carrier and correspondingly reflected the entire settlement in current liabilities as a legal settlement payable.

Joint Venture Buy/Sell Provisions

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Most of the Company's joint ventures include a buy/sell option that grants to the Company and its joint venture partners the right to require the other joint venture party to either purchase all of the exercising member's membership interests or sell to the exercising member all of the non-exercising member's membership interest, at the non-exercising member's option, within 30 days of the receipt of notice of the exercise of the buy/sell option. In some instances, the purchase price is based on a multiple of the historical or future earnings before income taxes and depreciation and amortization of the equity joint venture at the time the buy/sell option is exercised. In other instances, the buy/sell purchase price will be negotiated by the partners and subject to a fair market valuation process. The Company has not received notice from any joint venture partners of their intent to exercise the terms of the buy/sell agreement nor has the Company notified any joint venture partners of its intent to exercise the terms of the buy/sell agreement.

Compliance

The laws and regulations governing the Company's operations, along with the terms of participation in various government programs, regulate how the Company does business, the services offered and its interactions with patients and the public. These laws and regulations, and their interpretations, are subject to frequent change. Changes in existing laws or regulations, or their interpretations, or the enactment of new laws or regulations could materially and adversely affect the Company's operations and financial condition.

The Company is subject to various routine and non-routine governmental reviews, audits and investigations. In recent years, federal and state civil and criminal enforcement agencies have heightened and coordinated their oversight efforts related to the health care industry, including referral practices, cost reporting, billing practices, joint ventures and other financial relationships among health care providers. Violation of the laws governing the Company's operations, or changes in the interpretation of those laws, could result in the imposition of fines, civil or criminal penalties and/or termination of the Company's rights to participate in federal and state-sponsored programs and suspension or revocation of the Company's licenses. The Company believes that it is in material compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

9. Noncontrolling interest**Noncontrolling Interest-Redeemable**

A majority of the Company's equity joint venture agreements include a provision that requires the Company to purchase the noncontrolling partner's interest upon the occurrence of certain triggering events, such as death or bankruptcy of the partner or the partner's exclusion from the Medicare or Medicaid programs. These triggering events and the related repurchase provisions are specific to each individual equity joint venture; if the repurchase provision is triggered in any one equity joint venture, the remaining equity joint ventures would not be impacted. Upon the occurrence of a triggering event, the Company would be required to purchase the noncontrolling partner's interest at either the fair value or the book value at the time of purchase, as stated in the applicable joint venture agreement. The Company has never been required to purchase the noncontrolling interest of any of its equity joint venture partners, and the Company believes the likelihood of a triggering event occurring is remote. According to authoritative guidance, redeemable noncontrolling interests must be reported outside of permanent equity on the consolidated balance sheet in instances where there is a repurchase provision with a triggering event that is outside the control of the Company.

The following table summarizes the activity of noncontrolling interest-redeemable for the six months ended June 30, 2016 (amounts in thousands):

Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$12,408
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest-redeemable	3,836
Noncontrolling interest-redeemable distributions	(3,602)
Balance as of June 30, 2016	\$12,642

10. Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts

The following table summarizes the activity in the allowance for uncollectible accounts for the six months ended June 30, 2016 (amounts in thousands):

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Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$26,712
Additions	8,383
Deductions	(6,403)
Balance as of June 30, 2016	\$28,692

11. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying amounts of the Company's cash, receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their fair values because of their short maturity. The estimated fair value of intangible assets acquired was calculated using level 3 inputs based on the present value of anticipated future benefits. For the six months ended June 30, 2016, the carrying value of the Company's long-term debt approximates fair value as the interest rates approximate current rates.

12. Segment Information

The Company's reportable segments consist of home health services, hospice services, community-based services, and facility-based services. The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies, as described in Note 2 of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. The following tables summarize the Company's segment information for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 (amounts in thousands):

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2016				Total
	Home health services	Hospice services	Community-based services	Facility-based services	
Net service revenue	\$163,174	\$33,905	10,587	\$ 18,365	\$226,031
Cost of service revenue	97,590	20,966	7,829	10,743	137,128
Provision for bad debts	2,618	792	216	156	3,782
General and administrative expenses	51,182	9,425	2,215	5,439	68,261
Loss on disposal of assets	706	205	46	86	1,043
Operating income	11,078	2,517	281	1,941	15,817
Interest expense	(350)	(51)	(23)	(42)	(466)
Income before income taxes and noncontrolling interest	10,728	2,466	258	1,899	15,351
Income tax expense	2,043	789	102	662	3,596
Net income	8,685	1,677	156	1,237	11,755
Less net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	1,555	498	(14)	252	2,291
Net income attributable to LHC Group, Inc.'s common stockholders	\$7,130	\$1,179	\$ 170	\$ 985	\$9,464
Total assets	\$429,780	\$118,353	\$ 33,247	\$ 38,265	\$619,645

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	Three Months Ended June 30, 2015				
	Home health services	Hospice services	Community-based services	Facility-based services	Total
Net service revenue	\$153,272	\$18,632	\$ 10,312	\$ 17,956	\$200,172
Cost of service revenue	87,045	10,844	7,456	11,294	116,639
Provision for bad debts	3,645	299	691	170	4,805
General and administrative expenses	47,488	5,100	2,054	5,608	60,250
Loss on disposal of assets	88	11	14	7	120
Operating income	15,006	2,378	97	877	18,358
Interest expense	(438)	(61)	(6)	(49)	(554)
Income before income taxes and noncontrolling interest	14,568	2,317	91	828	17,804
Income tax expense	4,740	723	215	542	6,220
Net income	9,828	1,594	(124)	286	11,584
Less net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	2,251	253	(52)	182	2,634
Net income attributable to LHC Group, Inc.'s common stockholders					\$