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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
Form 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2012

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: 001-34746
ACCRETIVE HEALTH, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)
401 North Michigan Avenue
Suite 2700

02-0698101
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

Chicago, Illinois 60611
(Address of principal executive offices)
(312) 324-7820

(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 Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) 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 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 Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a 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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock as of the latest practicable date.

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Class	Shares Outstanding as of:	November 1, 2012
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	97,266,838	

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+ Confidential treatment requested as to certain portions, which portions have been omitted and filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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PART I — FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Accretive Health, Inc.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
	(Unaudited)	
	(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)	
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$196,375	\$196,725
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$4,745 and \$3,191 at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively	136,695	94,105
Prepaid taxes	4,976	6,026
Prepaid assets	8,833	4,004
Due from related party	1,303	1,294
Other current assets	4,594	3,432
Total current assets	352,776	305,586
Deferred income taxes	23,866	17,878
Furniture and equipment, net	35,654	25,073
Restricted cash	5,000	5,000
Goodwill	1,468	1,468
Other, net	10,226	9,187
Total assets	\$428,990	\$364,192
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$43,395	\$15,210
Accrued service costs	72,821	48,889
Accrued compensation and benefits	3,090	15,763
Deferred income taxes	7,224	3,738
Other accrued expenses	12,720	6,979
Accrued income taxes	197	153
Deferred revenue	18,285	24,137
Total current liabilities	157,732	114,869
Non-current liabilities:		
Deferred revenue	7,737	7,055
Other non-current liabilities	5,492	4,179
Total non-current liabilities	13,229	11,234
Total liabilities	\$170,961	\$126,103
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 5,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011	—	—
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 500,000,000 shares authorized, 99,811,598 shares issued and 98,653,873 shares outstanding at September 30, 2012; 98,701,161 shares	998	987

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issued and 98,686,357 shares outstanding at December 31, 2011

Additional paid-in capital	256,707	227,188
Retained earnings	15,000	11,330
Cumulative translation adjustment	(977	) (1,037
Treasury stock (1,157,725 shares and 14,804 shares of common stock held in treasury at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively)	(13,699	) (379
Total stockholders' equity	258,029	238,089
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$428,990	\$364,192
See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements		

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Accretive Health, Inc.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)			
Net services revenue	\$223,134	\$218,893	\$713,563	\$566,194
Costs of services	176,971	169,898	577,378	435,969
Operating margin	46,163	48,995	136,185	130,225
Other operating expenses:				
Infused management and technology	21,919	21,285	72,986	62,027
Selling, general and administrative	17,835	15,482	55,754	42,340
Total operating expenses	39,754	36,767	128,740	104,367
Income from operations	6,409	12,228	7,445	25,858
Interest income (loss), net	(1	) 5	—	20
Net income before provision for income taxes	6,408	12,233	7,445	25,878
Provision for income taxes	3,653	4,963	3,775	9,895
Net income	\$2,755	\$7,270	\$3,670	\$15,983
Net income per common share				
Basic	\$0.03	\$0.07	\$0.04	\$0.17
Diluted	0.03	0.07	0.04	0.16
Weighted average shares used in calculating net income per common share				
Basic	99,397,054	97,793,262	99,225,678	96,525,150
Diluted	100,845,362	101,868,888	101,729,349	100,912,803
Comprehensive income	\$2,920	\$6,857	\$3,730	\$15,464

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011
	(In thousands)	
Operating activities:		
Net income	\$3,670	\$15,983
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operations:		
Depreciation and amortization	8,397	6,276
Employee stock based compensation	19,736	18,681
Deferred income taxes	(2,545)) —
Excess tax benefits from equity-based awards	(3,300)	) (16,874)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(42,587)	) (52,838)
Prepaid taxes	4,374	13,367
Prepaid and other assets	(7,291)	) (1,234)
Accounts payable	28,179	(3,198)
Accrued service costs	23,932	25,755
Accrued compensation and benefits	(12,676)	) (3,335)
Other accrued expenses	5,713	2,677
Accrued income taxes	38	—
Other liabilities	1,304	114
Deferred revenue	(5,170)	) (2,707)
Net cash provided by operating activities	21,774	2,667
Investing activities:		
Purchases of furniture and equipment	(11,169)	) (5,248)
Acquisition of software	(7,764)	) (3,769)
Collection of note receivable	318	1,650
Net cash used in investing activities	(18,615)	) (7,367)
Financing activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock from stock option exercises	6,494	15,039
Collection of non-executive employees' notes receivable	—	41
Excess tax benefit from equity-based awards	3,300	16,874
Purchase of treasury stock	(13,160)) —
Other financing activities	(160)	) (379)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(3,526)	) 31,575
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	17	(354)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(350)	) 26,521
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	196,725	155,573
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$196,375	\$182,094

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements

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Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

NOTE 1 — BUSINESS DESCRIPTION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Accretive Health, Inc. (the "Company") is a leading provider of services that help healthcare providers generate sustainable improvements in their operating margins and healthcare quality while also improving patient, physician and staff satisfaction. The Company's revenue cycle management service offering helps U.S. healthcare providers more efficiently manage their revenue cycles, which encompass patient registration, insurance and benefit verification, medical treatment documentation and coding, bill preparation and collections. The Company's physician advisory services offering assists hospitals navigate the path to compliant revenue by providing concurrent level of care billing classification reviews, as well as retrospective chart audits. The Company's quality and total cost of care service offering enables healthcare providers to effectively manage the health of a defined patient population, which the Company believes is a future direction of the manner in which healthcare services will be delivered in the United States.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect the Company's financial position as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, and the cash flows of the Company for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011. These financial statements include the accounts of Accretive Health, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts have been eliminated in consolidation. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP") for interim financial reporting and as required by the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Accordingly, certain information and footnote disclosures required for complete financial statements are not included herein. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, considered necessary for a fair presentation of the interim financial information have been included. Operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any other interim period or for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012.

When preparing financial statements in conformity with GAAP, the Company must make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and related disclosures at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates. For a more complete discussion of the Company's significant accounting policies and other information, the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011, included in the Company's Amendment No.1 to Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 29, 2012 (File No. 001-34746).

NOTE 2 — RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

From time to time, new accounting pronouncements are issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") and are adopted by the Company as of the specified effective date. Unless otherwise discussed, the Company's management believes that the impact of recently issued accounting pronouncements does not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations, and cash flows, or do not apply to the Company's operations.

In 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") ASU No. 2011-05, Presentation of Comprehensive Income, and ASU No. 2011-12, Deferral of the Effective Date for Amendment to the Presentation of Reclassifications of Items Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income in Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-05, which amend guidance for the presentation of comprehensive income. The amended guidance requires an entity to present components of net income and other comprehensive income in one continuous statement, referred to as the statement

of comprehensive income, or in two separate, but consecutive statements. The prior option to report other comprehensive income and its components in the statement of stockholders' equity has been eliminated. Although the new guidance changes the presentation of comprehensive income, there are no changes to the components that are recognized in net income or other comprehensive income under existing guidance. These ASUs are effective for interim annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011 and retrospective application is required. The adoption of these ASUs changed the Company's financial statement presentation of comprehensive income but did not have an impact on net income, financial position, or cash flows.

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NOTE 3 — FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company records its financial assets and liabilities at fair value. The accounting standard for fair value (i) defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, (ii) establishes a framework for measuring fair value, (iii) establishes a hierarchy of fair value measurements based upon the observability of inputs used to value assets and liabilities, (iv) requires consideration of nonperformance risk, and (v) expands disclosures about the methods used to measure fair value.

The accounting standard establishes a three-level hierarchy of measurements based upon the reliability of observable and unobservable inputs used to arrive at fair value. Observable inputs are independent market data, while unobservable inputs reflect the Company's assumptions about valuation. The three levels of the hierarchy are defined as follows:

Level 1: Observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities;

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices but are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets and quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs and significant value drivers are observable in active markets; and

Level 3: Valuations derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs or significant value drivers are unobservable.

The Company's financial assets are required to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis. The Company does not have any financial liabilities that are required to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

The following table includes assets that are measured at fair value and are categorized using the fair value hierarchy (in thousands):

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Cash	\$ 5,332	\$ 3,709
Level 1 assets		
Money market funds with maturities of less than 90 days	191,043	193,016
Total	\$ 196,375	\$ 196,725

NOTE 4 — SEGMENTS AND CONCENTRATIONS

All of the Company's significant operations are organized around the single business of providing end-to-end management services of revenue cycle operations for U.S.-based hospitals and other medical providers. Accordingly, for purposes of disclosure under ASC 280, Segment Reporting, the Company has only one operating segment and reporting unit. All of the Company's net services revenue and trade accounts receivable are derived from healthcare providers domiciled in the United States.

While managed independently and governed by separate contracts, several of the Company's customers are affiliated with a single healthcare system, Ascension Health. Pursuant to the Company's master services agreement with Ascension Health, the Company provides services to Ascension Health's affiliated hospitals that execute separate contracts with the Company. The Company's aggregate net services revenue from these hospitals accounted for 39.3% and 37.3% of the Company's total net services revenue during the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The Company's aggregate net services revenue from these hospitals accounted for 34.7% and 42.9% of the Company's total net services revenue during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The Company had \$54.7 million and \$33.5 million of trade accounts receivable from hospitals affiliated with Ascension Health as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. The Company entered into a new five-year master professional services agreement with Ascension Health on August 6, 2012 (the "2012 MPSA"). The 2012 MPSA continues the Company's relationship with Ascension Health which commenced in October 2004 and

was extended under the prior five-year master services agreement dated December 13, 2007 (the "Legacy Agreement"). Pursuant to the 2012 MPSA, the Company will continue to offer its revenue cycle service offering to hospitals affiliated with Ascension Health. Each Ascension affiliate hospital system that chooses to receive services under the 2012 MPSA will be required to execute a supplement agreement. Additionally, the 2012 MPSA includes new terms for the Ascension affiliated hospitals regarding the measurement of incentive payments due to the Company for services provided after June 30, 2012, subject to such hospitals entering into the supplement agreements under the 2012 MPSA. The Company expects

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that all or substantially all of the hospitals affiliated with Ascension Health that are currently parties to separate managed service contracts with the Company under the Legacy Agreement will opt into new supplement agreements under the 2012 MPSA. No affiliate hospital has yet signed a supplement agreement for the Company's revenue cycle management services between August 6, 2012, the effective date of the 2012 MPSA, and November 8, 2012, the date of this filing.

Intermountain Healthcare, which is not affiliated with Ascension Health, with which the Company entered into a managed service contract in the fourth quarter of 2011, accounted for 20.1% and 17.8% of the Company's total net services revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively. Fairview Health Services ("Fairview"), which is not affiliated with Ascension Health, accounted for 11.5% of the Company's total net services revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2011. The Company did not recognize any revenue from Fairview for the three months ended September 30, 2012. Fairview accounted for 4.7% and 13.3% of the Company's total net services revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. In March and April of 2012, the Company reported that Fairview and the Company decided to amend their revenue cycle operations agreement to transition the management of those operations to Fairview leadership and that the Company received a notice of termination from Fairview of the Company's quality and total cost of care services contract. These events materially adversely affected the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations, and cash flows.

NOTE 5 — NET SERVICES REVENUE

The Company's net services revenue consisted of the following for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Net base fees for managed service contracts	\$180,760	\$177,274	\$590,180	\$468,118
Incentive payments for managed service contracts	27,372	29,738	78,837	72,969
Other services	15,002	11,881	44,546	25,107
Net services revenue	\$223,134	\$218,893	\$713,563	\$566,194

NOTE 6 — ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS

Base fees and incentive payments are billed to customers quarterly. Base fees received prior to when services are delivered are classified as deferred revenue.

The Company assesses its customers' creditworthiness as a part of its customer acceptance process. The Company maintains an estimated allowance for doubtful accounts to reduce its gross accounts receivable to the amount that it believes will be collected. This allowance is based on the Company's historical experience, its assessment of each customer's ability to pay, the length of time a balance has been outstanding and the status of the ongoing operations with each applicable customer.

The Company performs quarterly reviews and analyses of each customer's outstanding balance and assesses, on an account-by-account basis, whether the allowance for doubtful accounts needs to be adjusted based on currently available evidence such as historical collection experience, current economic trends, past due status and changes in customer payment terms. The Company considers a receivable to be impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the agreement. In accordance with the Company's policy, if collection efforts have been pursued and all avenues for collections exhausted, accounts receivable would be written off as uncollectible. Additionally, in the third quarter of 2012, the Company refined its allowance methodology to also take into account the Company's history of bad debt

expenses in relation to its revenues, in addition to specific identification of potentially uncollectible accounts as described above.

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Activity in the allowance for doubtful accounts is as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Balance at Beginning of Period	\$6,652	\$1,746	\$3,191	\$1,582
Provision	1,702	281	5,535	524
Write-offs and adjustments	(3,609	) (193	) (3,981	) (272
Balance at End of Period	\$4,745	\$1,834	\$4,745	\$1,834

As disclosed in Note 11, "Legal", as a part of the Company's settlement of the Minnesota Attorney General lawsuit, the Company voluntarily ceased its Minnesota operations. The outstanding trade receivables from the Company's Minnesota-based clients as of September 30, 2012, are approximately \$35.7 million, including outstanding trade receivables from Fairview as of September 30, 2012 of \$25.5 million. Refer to Note 4, "Segments and Concentrations" for a discussion on the transition of Fairview revenue cycle operations to Fairview leadership and the Company's receipt of a notice of termination of the Company's quality and total cost of care services contract with Fairview. The Company believes that its billings to Minnesota-based clients are in accordance with the terms of its contracts with such clients. If necessary, the Company will seek payment of the amounts due through the dispute resolution and arbitration provisions of the contracts. The Company is in discussions with its clients regarding the settlement of the amounts owed to each other. The amounts are deemed collectible and therefore no allowance has been recorded for these amounts. In the third quarter of 2012, the Company wrote-off approximately \$3.6 million of previously reserved trade receivables that aged over 365 days and were deemed uncollectible.

NOTE 7 — INCOME TAXES

Income tax provisions for interim periods are based on estimated annual income tax rates, adjusted to reflect the effects of any significant infrequent or unusual items which are required to be discretely recognized within the current interim period. The Company's intention is to permanently reinvest its foreign earnings outside of the United States. As a result, the effective tax rates in the periods presented are largely based upon the projected annual pre-tax earnings by jurisdiction and the allocation of certain expenses in various taxing jurisdictions, where the Company conducts its business. These taxing jurisdictions apply a broad range of statutory income tax rates.

Income tax expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 is higher than the amount derived by applying the federal statutory tax rate of 35% mainly due to the impact of certain state income taxes including state taxes which are based on gross receipts, non-deductible expenses, the effect of the change in expected future state income tax rates on deferred tax assets as well as the finalization of federal and state income tax returns for fiscal year 2011 in the third quarter of 2012 and the related discrete differences that were recorded in the third quarter of 2012.

The Company and its subsidiaries are subject to U.S. federal income tax as well as income taxes of multiple state and foreign jurisdictions. U.S. federal income tax returns for 2009, 2010, and 2011 are currently open for examination. State jurisdictions have various open tax years. The statutes of limitations for most states range from three to six years.

NOTE 8 — STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company maintains a 2006 Amended and Restated Stock Option Plan, as amended (the "2006 Plan"). In April 2010, the Company adopted a new 2010 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2010 Plan"), which became effective immediately prior to the closing of the initial public offering. The Company will not make any further grants under the 2006 Plan, and the 2010 Plan provides for the grant of incentive stock options, non-statutory stock options, restricted stock awards and other stock-based awards. As of September 30, 2012, the Company had 3,819,676 shares available for grant. However, to the extent that previously granted awards under the 2006 Plan or 2010 Plan expire, terminate or are

otherwise surrendered, canceled, forfeited or repurchased, the number of shares available for future awards will increase, up to a maximum of 24,374,756 shares.

The stock-based compensation expense relating to the Company's stock options and restricted stock awards ("RSA") for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 was \$5.7 million and \$7.3 million, with related tax benefits of approximately \$2.3 million and \$2.9 million, respectively. The stock-based compensation expense relating to the Company's stock options and RSA for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 was \$19.7 million and \$18.7 million, with related tax benefits of approximately \$7.9 million and \$7.5 million, respectively.

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Stock Options

A summary of the options activity during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 is shown below:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Exercise Price
Outstanding at January 1, 2012	15,362,749	\$ 14.96
Granted	3,005,391	13.87
Exercised	(1,060,437)	6.12
Cancelled	(158,740)	15.00
Forfeited	(2,149,562)	21.16
Outstanding at September 30, 2012	14,999,401	\$ 14.48
Outstanding and vested at September 30, 2012	8,341,645	\$ 9.93
Outstanding and vested at December 31, 2011	5,809,883	\$ 7.74

Restricted Stock Awards

A summary of the restricted stock activity during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 is shown below:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding at January 1, 2012	159,080	\$ 25.90
Granted	50,000	11.16
Vested	(48,860)	26.14
Forfeited	—	—
Outstanding at September 30, 2012	160,220	\$ 21.23

RSA vesting is based on the passage of time. The amount of compensation expense is based on the fair value of the Company's stock on the respective grant dates and is recognized ratably over the vesting period. The Company's restricted stock award agreements allow employees to surrender to the Company shares of stock upon vesting of their RSAs in lieu of their payment of the required personal employment-related taxes. Employees surrendered to the Company 15,321 shares and 14,804 shares of stock towards the minimum statutory tax withholdings which the Company recorded in an amount of approximately \$0.2 million and \$0.4 million, for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

As of September 30, 2012 all 30,125 shares of common stock, in addition to those repurchased under the authorized stock repurchase plan as discussed in Note 9 "Earnings Per Common Share", are held in treasury.

NOTE 9 — EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE

Basic net income per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding and potentially dilutive securities outstanding during the period under the treasury stock method. Under the treasury stock method, dilutive securities are assumed to be exercised at the beginning of the periods and as if funds obtained thereby were used to purchase common stock at the average market price during the period. Securities are excluded from the computations of diluted net income per share if their effect would be anti-dilutive to earnings per share.

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Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) — (Continued)

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share available to common shareholders for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)			
Net income	\$2,755	\$7,270	\$3,670	\$15,983
Denominator for basic earnings per share — Weighted average common shares	99,397,054	97,793,262	99,225,678	96,525,150
Basic net income per share	\$0.03	\$0.07	\$0.04	\$0.17
Denominator for basic earnings per share — Weighted average common shares	99,397,054	97,793,262	99,225,678	96,525,150
Effect of dilutive securities	1,448,308	4,075,626	2,503,671	4,387,653
Denominator for diluted earnings per share — Weighted average common shares adjusted for dilutive securities	100,845,362	101,868,888	101,729,349	100,912,803
Diluted net income per share	\$0.03	\$0.07	\$0.04	\$0.16

Because of their anti-dilutive effect, 12,846,518 and 3,619,414 common share equivalents comprised of stock options and restricted stock awards have been excluded from the diluted earnings per share calculation for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Because of their anti-dilutive effect, 5,627,125 and 3,719,414 common share equivalents comprised of stock options and restricted stock awards have been excluded from the diluted earnings per share calculation for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

NOTE 10 — REVOLVING CREDIT FACILITY AND OTHER COMMITMENTS

The Company maintains an outstanding line of credit with the Bank of Montreal in the amount of \$3 million. The \$3 million line of credit can only be utilized by the Company in the form of Letters of Credit and is secured by a \$5 million demand deposit with the Bank of Montreal. Any amounts outstanding under the line of credit accrue interest at the greater of the bank-established prime commercial rate, a LIBOR plus 1% rate, or a rate that combines the characteristics of both. The line of credit has an initial term of three years and is renewable annually thereafter. As of September 30, 2012, the Company had outstanding letters of credit of approximately \$2.5 million, which reduced the available line of credit to \$0.5 million.

From time to time the Company makes commitments regarding its performance under certain portions of its managed service contracts. In the event that the Company does not meet any of these performance requirements, it may incur expenses to remedy the performance issue. The Company reviews its compliance with its contractual performance commitments on a quarterly basis. As of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the Company met all of its performance commitments and, as a result, has not recorded any liabilities for potential obligations.

NOTE 11 — LEGAL**Minnesota Attorney General and Similar Matters**

On January 19, 2012, the State of Minnesota, by its Attorney General, filed a complaint against the Company in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota alleging violations of federal and Minnesota state health privacy laws and regulations, Minnesota debt collection laws, and Minnesota consumer protection laws resulting from, among other things, the theft in Minnesota in July 2011 of an employee's laptop that contained protected health information. The complaint was amended by a First Amended Complaint filed by the Minnesota Attorney General on

February 29, 2012 and a Second Amended Complaint filed on July 3, 2012 (as so amended, the "Lawsuit"). The Company moved to dismiss each of the complaints in their entirety with prejudice asserting that the complaints were without merit. In addition, on April 24, 2012, the Attorney General released to the public a compliance review alleging, or raising questions about, the Company's non-compliance with federal and Minnesota health privacy laws, the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, the federal Emergency Medical Treatment

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and Labor Act, federal and Minnesota debt collections laws, and Minnesota consumer protection laws. Some, but not all, of the alleged violations of law and supporting factual allegations were the same as those alleged in the Lawsuit. On July 30, 2012, without any admission of liability or wrongdoing, the Company and the Minnesota Attorney General entered into a Settlement Agreement, Release and Order (the "Settlement Agreement") to settle the Lawsuit and resolve fully all disputes which in any way relate to, arise out of, emanate from, or otherwise involve the Lawsuit and all investigations by the Minnesota Attorney General, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, and the Minnesota Department of Human Services relating to the Company. The Settlement Agreement included a \$2.5 million settlement sum, the Company's voluntary agreement to wind down the Company's Minnesota business operations and not to conduct business in the state of Minnesota, or on behalf of a Minnesota client, for a two-year period following the wind down date (other than any continuation of prior licensing of the Company's technology), and contemplates potential restrictions on any future Minnesota operations should the Company choose to resume operations in Minnesota in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

On January 25, 2012, the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Commerce (the "Commissioner") served an administrative subpoena on the Company seeking information and documents about the debt collection practices and the privacy of personal and health data within the Company's possession or control. On February 3, 2012, the Company entered into a Consent Cease and Desist Order with the Minnesota Commerce Commissioner. As a result of the Order, the Company voluntarily agreed to cease all debt collection activity in the State of Minnesota. The Commissioner's investigation was fully and finally resolved through the Settlement Agreement described above. On March 27, 2012, the Federal Trade Commission issued a Civil Investigative Demand to the Company (the "Demand") to determine whether the Company may have violated Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, as it relates to deceptive or unfair acts or practices related to consumer privacy and/or data security, the Fair Credit Reporting Act or the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. Pursuant to the Demand, the Federal Trade Commission seeks documents and responses that primarily concern the collection, use, security, and privacy of personal and health data within the Company's possession or control, statements to consumers about such data, the use of various forms of scoring, and policies and practices regarding collections. The Company is fully cooperating with the investigation.

Primarily based on allegations made in the Minnesota Attorney General's compliance review described above: (1) on April 27, 2012, Senator Al Franken of Minnesota sent a letter to the Company requesting written responses to a series of questions about the Company's business practices for the Fairview Hospital System in Minnesota and (2) on May 2, 2012, Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking Member Henry A. Waxman, Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee Ranking Member Diana DeGette, and Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade Subcommittee Ranking Member G. K. Butterfield sent a letter to the Company requesting written responses to a series of questions about the Company's business practices and potential violation of certain federal privacy and debt collection laws. The Company has responded to both the Senate and House inquiries.

Beginning in late April 2012, the Company has been named as a defendant in several putative securities class actions that have been filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The primary allegations are that the Company's public statements, including filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, were false and/or misleading about the Company's violations of certain federal and Minnesota privacy and debt collection laws. In addition, the Company and its directors have been named in several putative shareholder derivative lawsuits filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois and in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware. The primary allegations are that the directors breached their fiduciary duties in connection with the alleged violations of certain federal and Minnesota privacy and debt collection laws. The Company believes that it has meritorious defenses in all of these cases and intends to vigorously defend itself and its directors against these claims.

On June 12, 2012, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation issued an administrative complaint seeking to impose reciprocal "sister state discipline" against the Company's Illinois debt collection license based on the February 3, 2012 Consent Judgment with Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Commerce. The Company believes that it has meritorious defenses to the complaint and intends to vigorously defend itself against the claim. In addition, the Company has received regulatory inquiries from two other states with respect to its operations and patient contacts in those states. The Company has provided the requested information and is fully cooperating with those inquiries.

In connection with the Settlement Agreement and other matters described above, the Company has incurred, through September 30, 2012, charges of approximately \$15.0 million, including the settlement sum, defense costs, and other expenses. A substantial portion of the above charges that directly relate to the Lawsuit are covered under the Company's existing

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insurance policy. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Company expensed approximately \$3.5 million of the above charges, consisting of the insurance deductible and other costs not covered by the insurance policy. As of September 30, 2012, the Company's insurance receivable was approximately \$2.3 million and is included in other current assets in the consolidated balance sheet.

The final outcome and impact of these matters, and any related claims and investigations that may be brought in the future, are subject to many variables, and cannot be predicted. The Company establishes accruals only for those matters where it is determined that a loss is probable and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. While it is reasonably possible that these matters could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, operating results, financial condition or cash flows during any particular quarterly or annual period, it is currently not possible to reasonably estimate the aggregate amount of losses which the Company may incur in connection with these matters.

Other Litigation

From time to time, the Company has been, and may again become, involved in other legal or regulatory proceedings arising in the ordinary course of the Company's business. Other than as described above, the Company is not presently a party to any material litigation or regulatory proceeding and is not aware of any pending or threatened litigation or regulatory proceeding against the Company which, individually or in the aggregate, could have a material adverse effect on the business, operating results, financial condition or cash flows.

NOTE 12 — OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The components of total comprehensive income were as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Net income (loss)	\$2,755	\$7,270	\$3,670	\$15,983
Foreign currency translation adjustment	165	(413)	) 60	(519)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$2,920	\$6,857	\$3,730	\$15,464

NOTE 13 — SHARE REPURCHASE PLAN

In September 2012, the Board authorized a share repurchase plan allowing the Company to repurchase up to \$50 million of its outstanding shares of common stock. The Board's authorization of the repurchases may be modified, suspended, or discontinued at any time. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Company repurchased 1,127,600 shares of its common stock under this share repurchase plan at an average price of \$11.67 per share for a total of \$13.2 million; this amount was recorded as a reduction of equity. As of September 30, 2012, approximately \$36.8 million is available for share repurchases under the Board authorization.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Unless the context indicates otherwise, references in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to "Accretive Health", "the Company," "we," "our," and "us" mean Accretive Health, Inc., and its subsidiaries.

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto and management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2011 included in Amendment No. 1 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, on March 29, 2012 (File No. 001-34746). This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. These statements are often identified by the use of words such as "may," "will," "expect," "believe," "anticipate," "intend," "could," "estimate," or "continue," and similar expressions or variations. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results and the timing of certain events to differ materially from future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed in the section titled "Risk Factors," set forth in Part II, Item 1.A of this Quarterly Report on form 10-Q. The forward-looking statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q represent our views as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Subsequent events and developments may cause our views to change. While we may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, we have no current intention of doing so except to the extent required by applicable law. You should, therefore, not rely on these forward-looking statements as representing our views as of any date subsequent to the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

About the Company

Accretive Health is a leading provider of services that help healthcare providers generate sustainable improvements in their operating margins and healthcare quality while also enhancing patient, physician and staff satisfaction across our three offerings - revenue cycle management, quality and total cost of care and physician advisory services. We deliver these results by implementing our distinctive operating model which leverages our extensive management expertise, leading-edge technology and process excellence.

Our integrated revenue cycle technology and services offering spans the entire revenue cycle. We help our revenue cycle customers increase the portion of the maximum potential patient revenue they receive, while reducing total revenue cycle costs. Our quality and total cost of care solution can help our customers identify the individuals who are most likely to experience an adverse health event and, as a result, incur high healthcare costs in the coming year. This data allows providers to focus greater efforts on managing these patients within and across the delivery system, as well as at home, to create a better care experience.

Our physician advisory services offering assists hospitals in navigating the path to compliant revenue by providing concurrent level of care billing classification reviews, as well as retrospective chart audits. This proactive case management increases our customers' compliance with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and commercial payor policies and reduces their exposure to the risk of having to return previously recorded revenue. Our customers typically are multi-hospital systems, including faith-based or community healthcare systems, academic medical centers and independent ambulatory clinics, and their affiliated physician practice groups.

To implement our solutions in collaboration with our customers, we assume responsibility for managing the hospital's revenue cycle operations, including operating in compliance with the hospital's established policies. We also assume responsibility for the cost of the hospital's revenue cycle operations including agreements and costs associated with related third-party services, and the payroll and benefit costs associated with the hospital's employees conducting revenue cycle activities, some of whom will become Accretive employees for all purposes. We often supplement the customer's existing staff involved in such operations with seasoned Accretive Health personnel. A customer's revenue

improvements and cost savings generally increase over time as we deploy additional programs and as the programs we implement become more effective, which in turn provides visibility into our future revenue and profitability.

Our revenue cycle management services customers have historically achieved significant net revenue yield improvements within 18 to 24 months of implementing our solution, with such customers operating under mature managed service contracts typically realizing 400 to 600 basis points in yield improvements in the third or fourth contract year. All of a customer's yield improvements during the period in which we provide services are attributed to our solution because we assume responsibility for the management of the customer's revenue cycle. Our methodology for measuring yield improvements excludes the impact of external factors such as changes in reimbursement rates from payors, the expansion of existing services or addition of new

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services, volume increases and acquisitions of hospitals or physician practices, which may impact net patient revenue but are not considered changes to net revenue yield.

We and our customers share financial gains resulting from our solutions, which directly aligns our objectives and interests with those of our customers. Both we and our customers benefit, on a contractually agreed-upon basis, from revenue increases and cost savings realized by the customers as a result of our services. Coupled with the long-term nature of our managed service contracts and the fixed nature of the base fees under each contract, our historical renewal experience provides a core source of recurring revenue.

We believe that current macroeconomic conditions will continue to impose financial pressure on healthcare providers and will increase the importance of managing their operations effectively and efficiently. Additionally, the continued operating pressures facing U.S. hospitals coupled with some of the underlying themes of healthcare reform legislation enacted in March 2010 make the efficient management of the revenue cycle, including collection of the full amount of payments due for patient services, and quality and total cost of care initiatives, among the most critical challenges facing healthcare providers today.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OVERVIEW

Net Services Revenue

We derive our net services revenue primarily from service contracts under which we manage our customers' revenue cycle.

Revenues from managed service contracts consist of base fees and incentive payments:

Base fee revenues represent our contractually-agreed annual fees for managing and overseeing our customers' revenue cycle or quality and total cost of care operations. Following a comprehensive review of a customer's operations, the customer's base fees are tailored to its specific circumstances and the extent of the customer's operations for which we are assuming operational responsibility; we do not have standardized fee arrangements.

Incentive payment revenues for revenue cycle management services represent the amounts we receive by increasing our customers' net patient revenue and identifying potential payment sources for patients who are uninsured and underinsured. These payments are governed by specific formulas contained in the managed service contract with each of our customers. In general, we earn incentive payments by increasing a customer's actual cash yield as a percentage of the contractual amount owed to such customer for the healthcare services provided.

Incentive payment revenues for quality and total cost of care services represent our share of the provider community cost savings for our role in providing the technology infrastructure and for managing the care coordination process.

In addition, we earn revenue from other services, which primarily include revenue from our physician advisory services offering and, to a lesser extent, our share of revenues associated with the collection of dormant (defaulted) patient accounts (more than 365 days old) under some of our service contracts. Some of our service contracts entitle customers to receive a share of the cost savings we achieve from operating their revenue cycle. This share is returned to customers as a reduction in subsequent base fees. Our services revenue is reported net of cost sharing, and we refer to this as our net services revenue.

The following table summarizes the composition of our net services revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, on a percentage basis:

	Three Months Ended	Nine Months Ended
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	September 30,		September 30,		
	2012	2011	2012	2011	
Net base fees for managed service contracts	81.0	% 81.0	% 82.7	% 82.7	%
Incentive payments for managed service contracts	12.3	% 13.6	% 11.0	% 12.9	%
Other services	6.7	% 5.4	% 6.3	% 4.4	%
Net services revenue	100.0	% 100.0	% 100.0	% 100.0	%

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Costs of Services

Under our managed service contracts, we assume responsibility for all costs necessary to conduct our customers' revenue cycle operations. Costs of services consist primarily of:

Salaries and benefits of the customers' employees engaged in activities which are included in our contract and who are assigned to work on-site with us. Under our contracts with our customers, we are responsible for the cost of the salaries and benefits for these employees of our customers. Salaries are paid and benefits are provided to such individuals directly by the customer, instead of adding these individuals to our payroll, because these individuals remain employees of our customers.

Salaries and benefits of our employees in our shared services centers (these individuals are distinct from on-site "infused management" discussed below) and the non-payroll costs associated with operating our shared service centers.

Costs associated with vendors that provide services integral to the customer's services we are contracted to manage.

Operating Margin

Operating margin is equal to net services revenue less costs of services. Our operating model is designed to improve margin under each managed service contract as the contract matures, for several reasons:

We typically enhance the productivity of a customer's revenue cycle operations over time as we fully implement our technology and procedures and because any overlap between costs of our shared services centers and costs of hospital operations targeted for transition is generally concentrated in the first year after the transition to the shared services center.

Incentive payments under each managed service contract generally increase over time as we deploy additional programs and the programs we implement become more effective and produce improved results for our customers.

Infused Management and Technology Expenses

We refer to our management and staff employees that we devote on-site to customer operations as infused management. Infused management and technology expenses consist primarily of the wages, bonuses, benefits, share based compensation, travel and other costs associated with deploying our employees on customer sites to guide and manage our customers' revenue cycle or population health management operations. The employees we deploy on customer sites typically have significant experience in revenue cycle operations, care coordination, technology, quality control or other management disciplines. The other significant portion of these expenses is an allocation of the costs associated with maintaining, improving and deploying our integrated proprietary technology suite and an allocation of the costs previously capitalized for developing our integrated proprietary technology suite.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses consist primarily of expenses for executive, sales, corporate information technology, legal, regulatory compliance, finance and human resources personnel, including wages, bonuses, benefits and share based compensation; fees for professional services; insurance premiums; facility charges; and other corporate expenses. Professional services consist primarily of external legal, tax and audit services. We expect selling, general and administrative expenses to increase in absolute dollars as we continue to add information technology, human resources, finance, accounting and other administrative personnel as we expand our business.

Although we cannot predict future changes to the laws and regulations affecting us or the healthcare industry generally, we do not expect that any associated changes to our compliance programs will have a material effect on our

selling, general and administrative expenses.

Interest Income

Interest income is derived from the return achieved from our cash balances. We invest primarily in highly liquid, short-term investments, primarily those insured by the U.S. government.

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Income Taxes

Income tax expense consists of federal and state income taxes in the United States and India. Additionally, we incur income taxes in states which impose a tax based on gross receipts.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

For a description of our critical accounting policies and estimates, see our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, as amended. In the third quarter of 2012, the Company refined its allowance for uncollectible accounts methodology to take into account the Company's history of bad debt expenses in relation to its revenues, in addition to specific identification of potentially uncollectible accounts, as described in Note 6, "Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts".

New Accounting Standards and Disclosures

From time to time, new accounting pronouncements are issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") and are adopted by us as of the specified effective date. Unless otherwise discussed, we believe that the impact of recently issued accounting pronouncements does not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations, and cash flows, or do not apply to our operations.

In 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") ASU No. 2011-05, Presentation of Comprehensive Income, and ASU No. 2011-12, Deferral of the Effective Date for Amendment to the Presentation of Reclassifications of Items Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income in Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-05, which amend guidance for the presentation of comprehensive income. The amended guidance requires an entity to present components of net income and other comprehensive income in one continuous statement, referred to as the statement of comprehensive income, or in two separate, but consecutive statements. The prior option to report other comprehensive income and its components in the statement of stockholders' equity has been eliminated. Although the new guidance changes the presentation of comprehensive income, there are no changes to the components that are recognized in net income or other comprehensive income under existing guidance. These ASUs are effective for interim annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011 and retrospective application is required. The adoption of these ASUs changed the financial statement presentation of comprehensive income but did not have an impact on net income, financial position, or cash flows.

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CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Our key consolidated financial and operating data are as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2012		September 30, 2012	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Net services revenue	\$223,134	\$218,893	\$713,563	\$566,194
Costs of services	176,971	169,898	577,378	435,969
Operating margin	46,163	48,995	136,185	130,225
Other operating expenses				
Infused management and technology	21,919	21,285	72,986	62,027
Selling, general and administrative	17,835	15,482	55,754	42,340
Total operating expenses	39,754	36,767	128,740	104,367
Income from operations	6,409	12,228	7,445	25,858
Interest income (loss), net	(1	) 5	—	20
Income before provision for income taxes	6,408	12,233	7,445	25,878
Provision for income taxes	3,653	4,963	3,775	9,895
Net income	\$2,755	\$7,270	\$3,670	\$15,983
Operating Expense Details:				
Infused management and technology expense, excluding depreciation and amortization expense and share based compensation expense	\$18,293	\$16,501	\$61,482	\$50,434
Selling, general and administrative expense, excluding depreciation and amortization expense and share based compensation expense	13,741	11,695	42,588	32,156
Depreciation and amortization expense(1)	2,468	1,629	6,420	4,608
Share based compensation expense(2)	5,252	6,942	18,250	17,169
Total operating expenses	\$39,754	\$36,767	\$128,740	\$104,367
Other operating and Non-GAAP financial data				
Adjusted EBITDA(3)	\$15,442	\$21,733	\$35,578	\$50,815
	As of September 30,			
	2012	2011		
	(In millions)			
Projected contracted annual revenue run-rate(4)				
Net base fees for managed service contracts	\$718 to \$721	\$675 to \$678		
Incentive payments for managed service contracts	\$108 to \$120	\$126 to \$140		
Other services	\$63 to \$65	\$53 to \$56		
Total projected contracted annual revenue run-rate	\$889 to \$906	\$854 to \$874		

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We allocate depreciation and amortization expense between infused management and technology expenses, selling, (1) general and administrative expenses, and cost of services. The following table summarized the composition of our depreciation and amortization expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2012		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
(In thousands)				
Depreciation and Amortization Expense Allocation Details:				
Infused management and technology expense	\$1,765	\$1,030	\$4,411	\$2,906
Selling, general and administrative expense	703	599	2,009	1,702
Depreciation and amortization expense allocated to operating expenses	\$2,468	\$1,629	\$6,420	\$4,608
Depreciation and amortization expenses allocated to costs of services	851	533	1,977	1,668
Total depreciation and amortization expense	\$3,319	\$2,162	\$8,397	\$6,276

(2) We allocate share based expense between infused management and technology expenses, selling, general and administrative expenses, and cost of services based on the department where the person to whom the stock or options were issued works. The following table summarized the composition of our share based compensation expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2012		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
(In thousands)				
Share Based Compensation Expense Allocation Details:				
Infused management and technology expense	\$1,861	\$3,754	\$7,093	\$8,687
Selling, general and administrative expense	3,391	3,188	11,157	8,482
Share based compensation expense allocated to operating expenses	\$5,252	\$6,942	\$18,250	\$17,169
Share based compensation expenses allocated to costs of services	462	401	1,486	1,512
Total share based compensation expense	\$5,714	\$7,343	\$19,736	\$18,681

(3) We define adjusted EBITDA as net income before net interest income (expense), income tax expense (benefit), depreciation and amortization expense and share based compensation expense. Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure and should not be considered as an alternative to net income, operating income and any other measure of financial performance calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP. See "Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" for additional discussion.

(4) We define Projected Contracted Annual Revenue Run-Rate (PCARR) as the expected total net services revenue for the subsequent twelve months for all healthcare providers for which we are providing services that are under contract. We believe that our PCARR is a useful measure of our overall business volume at a particular point in time and changes in the volume of business over time because it eliminates the time impact associated with the signing of new contracts during a quarterly or annual period.

PCARR is calculated by accumulating our estimates of the next twelve months' base fees, cost saving sharing credits and incentive payments for each contract in place at the reporting date. Our base fee estimate is based on the contractual agreement with each customer relating to the services that we will provide and the costs that the customer was incurring for completing such activities prior to entering into its agreement with us. Our estimates for cost sharing credits and incentive payments are based on the Company's prior experiences regarding the level of cost reductions and increases in net revenue yield and its management's experience regarding potential reductions in total medical cost for a defined patient

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population, which are likely to be earned during each year a contract is in place given the level of infused management as well as the degree to which we have implemented our technology. We update these estimates regularly to incorporate changes in activities under management for a specific contract, and changes in our overall experience with our portfolio of contracts. There were no significant changes in our overall assumptions used in the calculation of PCARR as of September 30, 2012 as compared to prior periods.

Substantially all of our contracts have “evergreen” provisions that extend the term of our services automatically unless the customer provides notification of non-renewal. Therefore, unless a notice of non-renewal has been received, our PCARR calculation assumes that each contract that has an evergreen provision and is in place at the reporting date will continue for at least the next twelve months. In the event that we receive a non-renewal or termination notice from a customer, we reduce the PCARR calculation by the amount associated with that specific contract for any periods after the contract’s then current end date or termination date. At September 30, 2012, PCARR includes approximately \$53 million related to periods subject to assumed contract extensions.

PCARR is not a projection of expected revenues for specific future periods because any such projection would also need to include the additional revenue resulting from any future contracts signed with new customers subsequent to the reporting date. Further, actual future revenues from existing customers may differ from the projected amounts used for purposes of calculating PCARR because the scope of services provided to existing customers may change and the incentive fees we earn may be more or less than we estimate depending on our ability to achieve projected increases in our customers’ net revenue yield and projected reductions in total medical cost of the customers’ patient population.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 Compared to Three Months Ended September 30, 2011

Net Services Revenues

The following table summarizes the composition of our net services revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011
Net base fees for managed service contracts	\$180,760	\$177,274
Incentive payments for managed service contracts	27,372	29,738
Other services	15,002	11,881
Net services revenue	\$223,134	\$218,893

Net services revenue increased \$4.2 million, or 1.9%, to \$223.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012, from \$218.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011, net of the impact of the loss of Fairview. The wind down of our Minnesota operations, as disclosed in Part II, Item 1, "Legal Proceedings", resulted in a negative impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations, and cash flows as well as reduced our PCARR as of September 30, 2012. The net services revenue from Fairview, our former largest client in Minnesota, decreased by \$25.2 million. We did not recognize any revenue from Fairview for the three months ended September 30, 2012. This decrease was offset by incremental revenues from our new and existing clients with whom we had managed service contracts as of September 30, 2012.

Net base fee revenue, which accounted for the majority of the increase, increased \$3.5 million, to \$180.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012, from \$177.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011. The increase was primarily due to an increase in the size of hospitals with which we had managed service contracts, offset by the decrease in base fee revenues due to the wind down of our Minnesota operations. In addition, incentive payment revenues decreased by \$2.4 million, to \$27.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012, from \$29.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011. All other revenues increased by \$3.1 million, to \$15.0

million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 from \$11.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011, as we continued to expand our specialized services such as emergency room physician advisory services. Our PCARR at September 30, 2012 was \$889 million to \$906 million compared to \$854 million to \$874 million at September 30, 2011. Based on the midpoint of the two ranges, our projected contracted annual revenue run-rate as of September 30, 2012 increased by \$34 million, or 3.9%.

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Costs of Services

Our costs of services increased \$7.1 million, or 4.2%, to \$177.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012, from \$169.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011. The increase in costs of services was primarily attributable to the increase in the size of hospitals for which we provide managed services, offset by the reduction in the costs of services due to the wind down of our Minnesota operations.

Operating Margin

Operating margin decreased \$2.8 million, or 5.8%, to \$46.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 from \$49.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011. The operating margin as a percentage of net services revenue decreased from 22.4% for the three months ended September 30, 2011 to 20.7% for the three months ended September 30, 2012, due to the reduction of incentive revenue resulting from contract terminations associated with the Minnesota litigation, distractions caused by the Minnesota Attorney General matters, and the impact of new contracts, which generally have lower margins in their initial years.

Operating Expenses

Infused management and technology expenses increased \$0.6 million, or 3.0%, to \$21.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012, from \$21.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011. The increase was primarily due to the incremental costs related to our management personnel deployed at customer facilities, and an increase in the number of new management personnel being hired and trained in anticipation of their deployment to customer sites, offset by our cost management initiatives.

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$2.4 million, or 15.2%, to \$17.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012, from \$15.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011. The increase included net incremental business development expenses of approximately \$0.9 million, net of share based compensation expense, an increase in our allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1.7 million, and an increase of \$1.0 million related to the legal defense and crisis management costs arising from the Minnesota Attorney General matters (comprised of \$3.0 million of charges, less insurance recoveries of \$2.0 million), offset by the decrease in other SG&A costs of \$1.5 million due to various cost management initiatives. The increase included \$0.3 million of additional depreciation, amortization and share based compensation expense as discussed below.

We allocate share based compensation expense and depreciation and amortization expense between cost of services, infused management expenses and selling, general and administrative expenses based on the department where the person to whom the options were issued works. During the three months ended September 30, 2012, the following changes affected the infused management and selling, general and administrative expense categories:

	Three Months Ended		Change Amount	Percent	
	September 30, 2012	2011			
	(In thousands)				
Share Based Compensation Expense Allocation Details:					
Infused management and technology expense	\$1,861	\$3,754	\$(1,893)	(50.4)	%
Selling, general and administrative expense	3,391	3,188	203	6.4	%
Share based compensation expense allocated to operating expenses	\$5,252	\$6,942	\$(1,690)	(24.3)	%
Depreciation and Amortization Expense Allocation Details:					
Infused management and technology expense	\$1,765	\$1,030	\$735	71.4	%
Selling, general and administrative expense	703	599	104	17.4	%
Depreciation and amortization expense allocated to operating expenses	\$2,468	\$1,629	\$839	51.5	%

Share based compensation expense decreased \$1.7 million, or 24.3%, to \$5.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 from \$6.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011. The decrease was primarily

due to the forfeiture of unvested options during the period.

Depreciation and amortization expense increased \$0.8 million, or 51.5%, to \$2.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012, from \$1.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011, due to the addition of

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internally developed software, computer equipment, furniture and fixtures, and other property to support our growing operations.

For the three months ended September 30, 2012, approximately \$0.5 million and \$0.9 million of share based compensation expense and depreciation and amortization expense, respectively, was allocated to cost of services primarily due to the expansion of our shared services centers. For the three months ended September 30, 2011, approximately \$0.4 million and \$0.5 million of share based compensation expense and depreciation and amortization expense, respectively, was allocated to cost of services.

Income Taxes

Tax expense decreased \$1.3 million to \$3.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012, from \$5.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011 primarily due to the reduction in our pretax income. The increase in our effective tax rate from 41% in the third quarter of 2011 to 57% in the third quarter of 2012 is mainly due to the finalization of our federal and state income tax returns for fiscal year 2011 and the related differences that were recorded in the third quarter of 2012 as well as the impact of lower projected future tax rates on net deferred tax assets.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 Compared to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011**Net Services Revenues**

The following table summarizes the composition of our net services revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011
Net base fees for managed service contracts	\$590,180	\$468,118
Incentive payments for managed service contracts	78,837	72,969
Other services	44,546	25,107
Net services revenue	\$713,563	\$566,194

Net services revenue increased \$147.4 million, or 26.0%, to \$713.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, from \$566.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, net of the impact of the loss of Fairview. The wind down of our Minnesota operations, as disclosed in Part II, Item 1, "Legal Proceedings", reduced the PCARR and resulted in a negative impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. The net services revenue from Fairview, our former largest client in Minnesota, decreased by \$41.6 million from \$75.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 to \$33.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. This decrease was offset by incremental revenues from our new and existing clients with whom we had managed service contracts as of September 30, 2012.

The largest component of the increase in net services revenue, net base fee revenue, increased \$122.1 million, to \$590.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, from \$468.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, primarily due to an increase in the size of hospitals with which we had managed service contracts, offset by the decrease in base fee revenues due to the wind down of our Minnesota operations. In addition, incentive payment revenues increased by \$5.9 million, to \$78.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, from \$73.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, consistent with the increases that generally occur as our managed service contracts mature. All other revenues increased by \$19.4 million, to \$44.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 from \$25.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, as we continued to expand our specialized services such as emergency room physician advisory services.

Costs of Services

Our costs of services increased \$141.4 million, or 32.4%, to \$577.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, from \$436.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011. The increase in costs of services was primarily attributable to the increase in the size of hospitals for which we provide managed services, offset by the

reduction in the costs of services due to the wind down of our Minnesota operations.

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Operating Margin

Operating margin increased \$6.0 million, or 4.6%, to \$136.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 from \$130.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011. The operating margin as a percentage of net services revenue decreased from 23.0% for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 to 19.1% for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, due to the reduction of incentive revenue resulting from contract terminations associated with the Minnesota litigation, distractions caused by the Minnesota Attorney General matters, and the impact of new contracts, which generally have lower margins in their initial years.

Operating Expenses

Infused management and technology expenses increased \$11.0 million, or 17.7%, to \$73.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, from \$62.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011. The increase was primarily due to the incremental costs related to our quality and total cost of care offering, an increase in the number of our management personnel deployed at customer facilities, and an increase in the number of new management personnel being hired and trained in anticipation of their deployment to customer sites.

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$13.4 million, or 31.7%, to \$55.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, from \$42.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011. The increase included net incremental business development expenses of approximately \$8.5 million, net of share based compensation expense, \$5.5 million of bad debt expense, as well as \$3.5 million related to the legal defense and crisis management costs arising from the Minnesota Attorney General matters (comprised of \$15.0 million of charges, less insurance recoveries of \$11.4 million), offset by \$6.1 million of our cost management initiatives. For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, the Company had \$1.0 million of secondary offering costs which did not recur in 2012. The increase also included \$3.0 million of additional depreciation, amortization and share based compensation expense as discussed below.

We allocate share based compensation expense and depreciation and amortization expense between cost of services, infused management expenses and selling, general and administrative expenses based on the department where the person to whom the options were issued works. During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, the following changes affected the infused management and selling, general, and administrative expense categories:

	Nine Months Ended		Change Amount	Percent	
	September 30, 2012	2011			
(In thousands)					
Share Based Compensation Expense Allocation Details:					
Infused management and technology expense	\$7,093	\$8,687	\$(1,594)	(18.3)	%
Selling, general and administrative expense	11,157	8,482	2,675	31.5	%
Share based compensation expense allocated to operating expenses	\$18,250	\$17,169	\$1,081	6.3	%
Depreciation and Amortization Expense Allocation Details:					
Infused management and technology expense	\$4,411	\$2,906	\$1,505	51.8	%
Selling, general and administrative expense	2,009	1,702	307	18.0	%
Depreciation and amortization expense allocated to operating expenses	\$6,420	\$4,608	\$1,812	39.3	%

Share based compensation expense increased \$1.1 million, or 6.3%, to \$18.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 from \$17.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011.

Depreciation and amortization expense increased \$1.8 million, or 39.3%, to \$6.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, from \$4.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, due to the addition of internally developed software, computer equipment, furniture and fixtures, and other property to support our growing operations.

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For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, approximately \$1.5 million and \$2.0 million of share based compensation expense and depreciation and amortization expense, respectively, was allocated to cost of services due to the expansion of our shared services centers. For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, approximately \$1.5 million and \$1.7 million of share based compensation expense and depreciation and amortization expense, respectively, was allocated to cost of services.

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Income Taxes

Tax expense decreased \$6.1 million to \$3.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, from \$9.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011. The decrease was primarily due to a reduction in the Company's pretax income. The increase in our effective tax rate from 38% for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 to 51% for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 is mainly due to the finalization of our federal and state income tax returns for fiscal year 2011 and the related differences recorded during the third quarter of 2012 as well as the impact of lower projected future tax rates on net deferred tax assets.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our primary source of liquidity is cash flows from operations. Given our current cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable, we believe that we will have sufficient funds to meet our short-term and long-term liquidity and capital needs. We expect that the combination of our current liquidity and expected additional cash generated from operations will be sufficient for our planned capital expenditures, which are expected to consist primarily of capitalized software, fixed assets as we continue building out our infrastructure, and other investing activities, in the next 12 months.

Our cash and cash equivalents were \$196.4 million at September 30, 2012 as compared to \$196.7 million as of December 31, 2011. Our initial public offering (the "IPO"), which closed on May 25, 2010, generated gross proceeds to us of \$80.8 million, net of underwriting discounts and offering expenses. Through September 30, 2012, we have not used any of our proceeds from the IPO, which are invested in highly liquid money market funds.

Cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities, as reflected in our condensed consolidated statements of cash flows, are summarized in the following table (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011
Net cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities	\$21,774	\$2,667
Investing activities	(18,615)	(7,367)
Financing activities	(3,526)	31,575

Operating Activities

Cash provided by operating activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 totaled \$21.8 million, as compared to \$2.7 million used in operating activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2011.

Receivables from customers increased by \$42.6 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 primarily due to the increased net services revenues and the timing of customer payments. The Company's trade receivables over 180 days old increased by \$63.5 million from \$2.7 million as of December 31, 2011 to \$66.2 million as of September 30, 2012. As a percentage of net receivables, the trade receivables over 180 days old increased from 3% as of December 31, 2011 to 48% as of September 30, 2012, in large part due to aging of the trade receivables from our Minnesota clients, as described below. Subsequent to September 30, 2012 and prior to the date of this 10-Q filing, payments of \$18.3 million of the \$66.2 million, of over 180 days old trade receivables, had been collected. Almost all of the remaining net trade receivables over 180 days old, \$47.9 million, had just recently aged over 180 days in the current quarter. We had \$54.7 million and \$33.5 million of trade accounts receivable from hospitals affiliated with Ascension Health as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively.

The outstanding trade receivables from Minnesota clients as of September 30, 2012 are approximately \$35.7 million, including outstanding trade receivables from Fairview as of September 30, 2012 of \$25.5 million. Approximately \$24.1 million of the yet uncollected \$47.9 million over 180 days old relate to clients located in Minnesota. As disclosed in Part II, Item 1, "Legal Proceedings", as a part of our settlement of the Minnesota Attorney General lawsuit, we voluntarily ceased our Minnesota operations. We believe that our billings are in accordance with the terms of the contracts. If necessary, we will seek payment of the amounts due through the dispute resolution and arbitration provisions of the contracts. Accretive Health and Fairview are in discussions regarding the settlement of the amounts

owed to each other. The amounts are deemed collectible and therefore no allowance has been recorded for these amounts.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and September 30, 2011 excess tax benefits from equity-based awards of \$3.3 million and \$16.9 million, respectively, resulted in an equivalent increase in prepaid taxes as these benefits could not be used in the current period, but they are expected to offset the tax payable in future years.

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Accounts payable and accrued service costs increased by \$52.1 million and \$22.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, due to the timing of vendor payments.

Accrued compensation and benefits decreased by \$12.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 primarily due to lower expected incentive compensation expense for the year ending December 31, 2012.

Investing Activities

Cash used in investing activities was \$18.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, which included approximately \$18.9 million of capital expenditures, offset by \$0.3 million of note receivable collections. Cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 totaled \$7.4 million. Use of cash in these periods primarily related to the purchase of furniture and fixtures, leasehold improvements, computer hardware and software to support the growth of our business.

Financing Activities

Cash used in financing activities was \$3.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 primarily due to the purchase of treasury stock, offset by the receipt of the proceeds from our employees' stock option exercises. Cash provided by financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 was \$31.6 million primarily due to the receipt of proceeds from our employees' stock option exercises and the related favorable tax effect.

Revolving Credit Facility and Compensating Balance Arrangements

We maintain an outstanding line of credit with the Bank of Montreal in the amount of \$3 million. The \$3 million line of credit can only be utilized by us in the form of Letters of Credit and is secured by a \$5 million demand deposit with the Bank of Montreal. Any amounts outstanding under the line of credit accrue interest at the greater of the bank-established prime commercial rate, a LIBOR plus 1% rate, or a rate that combines the characteristics of both. The line of credit has an initial term of three years and is renewable annually thereafter. As of September 30, 2012, we had outstanding letters of credit of approximately \$2.5 million, which reduced the available line of credit to \$0.5 million.

Future Capital Requirements

We intend to fund our future growth over the next twelve months with funds generated from operations and our available cash and cash equivalents. Over the longer term, we expect that cash flows from operations, supplemented by short-term and long-term financing, as necessary, will be adequate to fund our day-to-day operations and capital expenditure requirements. Our ability to secure short-term and long-term financing in the future will depend on numerous factors, including our future profitability, the quality of our accounts receivable, our relative levels of debt and equity, and the overall condition of the credit markets.

OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

USE OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

In order to provide stockholders with greater insight and to allow for better understanding of how our management and board of directors analyze our financial performance and make operational decisions, we supplement our condensed consolidated financial statements presented on a GAAP basis in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q with the adjusted EBITDA measure.

Adjusted EBITDA as a measure has limitations, as noted below, and should not be considered in isolation or in substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP.

Our management uses adjusted EBITDA:

- as a measure of operating performance, because it does not include the impact of items that we do not consider indicative of our core operating performance;
- for planning purposes, including the preparation of our annual operating budget;
- to allocate resources to enhance the financial performance of our business;
- to evaluate the effectiveness of our business strategies; and
- in communications with our board of directors and investors concerning our financial performance.

We believe adjusted EBITDA is useful to stockholders in evaluating our operating performance for the following reasons:

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these and similar non-GAAP measures are widely used by investors to measure a company's operating performance without regard to items that can vary substantially from company to company depending upon financing and accounting methods, book values of assets, capital structures and the methods by which assets were acquired; securities analysts often use adjusted EBITDA and similar non-GAAP measures as supplemental measures to evaluate the overall operating performance of companies; and

by comparing our adjusted EBITDA in different historical periods, our stockholders can evaluate our operating results without the additional variations of interest income (expense), income tax expense (benefit), depreciation and amortization expense and share based compensation expense.

We understand that, although measures similar to adjusted EBITDA are frequently used by investors and securities analysts in their evaluation of companies, these measures have limitations as analytical tools, and you should not consider it in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results of operations as reported under GAAP. Some of these limitations are:

- adjusted EBITDA does not reflect our cash expenditures or future requirements for capital expenditures or other contractual commitments;
- adjusted EBITDA does not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs;
- adjusted EBITDA does not reflect share based compensation expense;
- adjusted EBITDA does not reflect cash requirements for income taxes;
- adjusted EBITDA does not reflect net interest income (expense); and
- other companies in our industry may calculate adjusted EBITDA differently than we do, limiting its usefulness as a comparative measure.

To properly and prudently evaluate our business, we encourage you to review the GAAP financial statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and not to rely on any single financial measure to evaluate our business.

The following table presents a reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA to net income, the most comparable GAAP measure (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Net income	\$2,755	\$7,270	\$3,670	\$15,983
Net interest (income) loss (a)	1	(5	) —	(20
Provision for income taxes	3,653	4,963	3,775	9,895
Depreciation and amortization expense	3,319	2,162	8,397	6,276
EBITDA	9,728	14,390	15,842	32,134
Stock compensation expense	5,714	7,343	19,736	18,681
Adjusted EBITDA	\$15,442	\$21,733	\$35,578	\$50,815

(a) Net interest income represents earnings from our cash and cash equivalents. No debt or other interest-bearing obligations were outstanding during any of the periods presented.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

For quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk, see Item 7A, "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk," of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, as amended. Our exposures to market risk have not changed materially since December 31, 2011.

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ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act as of September 30, 2012. Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives of ensuring that information we are required to disclose in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures, and is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. There is no assurance that our disclosure controls and procedures will operate effectively under all circumstances. Based upon the evaluation described above our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of September 30, 2012, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level.

No change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2012 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II — OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Legal Proceedings

Minnesota Attorney General and Similar Matters

On January 19, 2012, the State of Minnesota, by its Attorney General, filed a complaint against us in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota alleging violations of federal and Minnesota state health privacy laws and regulations, Minnesota debt collection laws, and Minnesota consumer protection laws resulting from, among other things, the theft in Minnesota in July 2011 of an employee's laptop that contained protected health information. The complaint was amended by a First Amended Complaint filed by the Minnesota Attorney General on February 29, 2012 and a Second Amended Complaint filed on July 3, 2012 (as so amended, the "Lawsuit"). We moved to dismiss each of the complaints in their entirety with prejudice asserting that the complaints were without merit. In addition, on April 24, 2012, the Attorney General released to the public a compliance review alleging, or raising questions about, our non-compliance with federal and Minnesota health privacy laws, the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act, federal and Minnesota debt collections laws, and Minnesota consumer protection laws. Some, but not all, of the alleged violations of law and supporting factual allegations were the same as those alleged in the Lawsuit. On July 30, 2012, without any admission of liability or wrongdoing, we and the Minnesota Attorney General entered into a Settlement Agreement, Release and Order (the "Settlement Agreement") to settle the Lawsuit and resolve fully all disputes which in any way relate to, arise out of, emanate from, or otherwise involve the Lawsuit and all investigations by the Minnesota Attorney General, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, and the Minnesota Department of Human Services relating to us. The Settlement Agreement included a \$2.5 million settlement sum, our voluntary agreement to wind down our Minnesota business operations and not to conduct business in the state of Minnesota, or on behalf of a Minnesota client, for a two-year period following the wind down date (other than any continuation of prior licensing of the Company's technology), and contemplates potential restrictions on any future Minnesota operations should we choose to resume operations in Minnesota in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

On January 25, 2012, the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Commerce (the "Commissioner") served an administrative subpoena on us seeking information and documents about the debt collection practices and the privacy of personal and health data within our possession or control. On February 3, 2012, we entered into a Consent Cease and Desist Order with the Minnesota Commerce Commissioner. As a result of the Order, we voluntarily agreed to

cease all debt collection activity in the State of Minnesota. The Commissioner's investigation was fully and finally resolved through the Settlement Agreement described above.

On March 27, 2012, the Federal Trade Commission issued a Civil Investigative Demand to us (the "Demand") to determine whether we may have violated Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, as it relates to deceptive or unfair acts or practices related to consumer privacy and/or data security, the Fair Credit Reporting Act or the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. Pursuant to the Demand, the Federal Trade Commission seeks documents and responses that primarily concern the collection, use, security, and privacy of personal and health data within our possession or control, statements to consumers

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about such data, the use of various forms of scoring, and policies and practices regarding collections. We are fully cooperating with the investigation.

Primarily based on allegations made in the Minnesota Attorney General's compliance review described above: (1) on April 27, 2012, Senator Al Franken of Minnesota sent a letter to us requesting written responses to a series of questions about our business practices for the Fairview Hospital System in Minnesota and (2) on May 2, 2012, Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking Member Henry A. Waxman, Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee Ranking Member Diana DeGette, and Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade Subcommittee Ranking Member G. K. Butterfield sent a letter to us requesting written responses to a series of questions about our business practices and potential violation of certain federal privacy and debt collection laws. We have responded to both the Senate and House inquiries.

Beginning in late April 2012, we have been named as a defendant in several putative securities class actions that have been filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The primary allegations are that our public statements, including filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, were false and/or misleading about our violations of certain federal and Minnesota privacy and debt collection laws. In addition, we and our directors have been named in several putative shareholder derivative lawsuits filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois and in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware. The primary allegations are that the directors breached their fiduciary duties in connection with the alleged violations of certain federal and Minnesota privacy and debt collection laws. We believe that we have meritorious defenses in all of these cases and intend to vigorously defend ourselves and directors against these claims.

On June 12, 2012, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation issued an administrative complaint seeking to impose reciprocal "sister state discipline" against our Illinois debt collection license based on the February 3, 2012 Consent Judgment with Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Commerce. We believe that we have meritorious defenses to the complaint and intend to vigorously defend ourselves against the claim. In addition, we have received regulatory inquiries from two other states with respect to our operations and patient contacts in those states. We have provided the requested information and are fully cooperating with those inquiries.

In connection with the Settlement Agreement and other matters described above, we have incurred, through September 30, 2012, charges of approximately \$15.0 million, including the settlement sum, defense costs, and other expenses. A substantial portion of the above charges that directly relate to the Lawsuit are covered under our existing insurance policy. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, we expensed approximately \$3.5 million of the above charges, consisting of the insurance deductible and other costs not covered by the insurance policy. As of September 30, 2012, our insurance receivable was approximately \$2.3 million and is included in other current assets in the consolidated balance sheet.

The final outcome and impact of these matters, and any related claims and investigations that may be brought in the future, are subject to many variables, and cannot be predicted. We establish accruals only for those matters where it is determined that a loss is probable and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. While it is reasonably possible that these matters could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, financial condition or cash flows during any particular quarterly or annual period, it is currently not possible to reasonably estimate the aggregate amount of losses which we may incur in connection with these matters.

Other Litigation

From time to time, we have been and may again become involved in other legal or regulatory proceedings arising in the ordinary course of our business. Other than as described above, we are not presently a party to any material litigation or regulatory proceeding and are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation or regulatory proceeding against us which, individually or in the aggregate, could have a material adverse effect on the business, operating results, financial condition or cash flows.

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ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

An investment in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. In deciding whether to invest, you should carefully consider the following risk factors. Any of the following risks could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or prospects and cause the value of our common stock to decline, which could cause you to lose all or part of your investment. When deciding whether to invest in our common stock, you should also refer to the other information in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, including our condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes and the “Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” section. The following risk factors have been updated to reflect developments subsequent to the filing of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Risks Related to Our Business and Industry

We may not be able to maintain or increase our profitability, and our historic growth rates may not be indicative of our future growth rates.

We have been profitable on an annual basis only since the year ended December 31, 2007, and we incurred net losses in various quarters during 2007 through 2009, as well as during the quarter ended June 30, 2012. We may not succeed in maintaining our profitability on a quarterly or annual basis and could incur quarterly or annual losses in future periods. We recently have incurred, and expect to incur during the remainder of 2012 and possibly in 2013, significant expense related to, among other things, legal defense and crisis management costs, and stranded personnel costs arising from the lawsuit filed in January 2012 by the Minnesota Attorney General, that is described above in Part II, Item 1 "Legal Proceedings" and that we settled in July 2012. Further, we anticipate incurring significant additional costs for technology to improve the quality and reliability of the processes used to secure patient health information. In addition, we intend to continue to increase our operating expenses as we grow our business. We also expect to continue to make investments in our proprietary technology applications, sales and marketing, infrastructure, facilities and other resources as we expand our operations, thus incurring additional costs. If our revenue does not increase to offset these increases in costs, our operating results would be adversely affected. You should not consider our historic revenue and net income growth rates as indicative of future growth rates, and we cannot assure you that we will be able to maintain or increase our profitability in the future. Each of the risks described in this “Risk Factors” section, as well as other factors, may adversely affect our future operating results and profitability.

The loss of our contracts arising as a result of the Minnesota litigation will adversely affect our operating results. On March 29, 2012, we reported that we and Fairview Health Services, or Fairview, had decided to amend the revenue cycle operations agreement between us to transition the management of those operations to Fairview leadership. On April 27, 2012, we reported that we had received a notice of termination from Fairview of the quality and total cost of care services contract between us. Fairview accounted for 12.2% and 10.7% of our total net services revenue in the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and 5% and 13% of our total net services revenue in the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. In connection with the settlement of the Minnesota Attorney General lawsuit as disclosed in Part II, Item 1, “Legal Proceedings”, we agreed to voluntarily cease all remaining operations in Minnesota and have wound down our operations with our Minnesota clients. We expect that the loss of our customer contracts arising from this matter will cause our net services revenue and net income for 2012 and 2013 to be lower than previously expected and will adversely affect our operating results.

Litigation brought against us may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

We were named as a defendant in a lawsuit filed in January 2012 by the Minnesota Attorney General alleging violations of federal and Minnesota state health privacy laws and regulations, Minnesota debt collection laws and Minnesota consumer protection laws resulting from, among other things, the theft in Minnesota in July 2011 of an employee's laptop that contained protected health information. In addition, on April 24, 2012, the Attorney General released to the public a “Compliance Review” alleging, or raising questions about, our non-compliance with federal and

Minnesota health privacy laws, the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act, federal and Minnesota debt collections laws and Minnesota consumer protection laws. Although all disputes with the Minnesota Attorney General (and related investigations by the Minnesota Department of Commerce and Minnesota Department of Human Services) were fully and finally resolved in a Settlement Agreement, Release, and Order dated July 30, 2012, without any admission of liability or wrongdoing by us, the allegations contained in the Minnesota Attorney General's lawsuit and Compliance Review have led to follow-on investigations and inquiries from the Federal Trade Commission, or FTC, and Congress, a regulatory proceeding involving a state agency in Illinois and regulatory inquiries in two other states, and several securities-related class action and derivative lawsuits filed against us and certain of our officers and directors. These matters have resulted in widespread, unfavorable publicity for us.

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The foregoing matters and attendant publicity have materially adversely affected, and may continue to materially adversely affect, our business, financial condition, operating results and cash flows in various ways, including the following:

- as previously reported, we and Fairview have decided to amend the revenue cycle operations agreement between us to transition the management of those operations to Fairview leadership, and we have received a notice of termination from Fairview of the quality and total cost of care services contract between us;
- as previously reported, in connection with the settlement of the Minnesota Attorney General lawsuit, as disclosed in Part II, Item 1 "Legal Proceedings", we have voluntarily agreed to cease all remaining operations in Minnesota and have wound down our operations with our Minnesota clients;
- other customers may seek to terminate or modify their service contracts with us;
- potential new customers may be deterred from entering into service contracts with us and the terms on which we are able to enter into new service contracts, or renew contracts with existing customers, may be less favorable to us;
- the time and attention of management is being diverted from our business;
- we may encounter increased difficulty in attracting and retaining employees;
- we have incurred, and expect to continue to incur, substantial legal and other expenses in defending the pending and recently settled lawsuits; and
- the pending lawsuits could subject us to significant liability or result in significant settlement payments.

In addition, as a result of the allegations made by the Minnesota Attorney General, and in the other proceedings described above, other governmental authorities could initiate inquiries into our business practices, and additional lawsuits may be filed against us. Additional litigation could result in the incurrence of substantial additional expense, subject us to significant liability or result in significant settlement payments, further divert management's attention from our business, and thereby materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

Hospitals affiliated with Ascension Health currently account for a significant portion of our net services revenue, and we have several customers that have each accounted for 10% or more of our net services revenue in past fiscal periods. The termination or expiration of our new master services agreement with Ascension Health, or any significant loss of business from our large customers, would have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

In August 2012, we entered into a new master professional services agreement with Ascension Health, which has a five-year term and which we refer to as the new Ascension agreement. Under our prior master services agreement with Ascension Health dated December 31, 2007, which we refer to as the "Legacy Agreement", we continue to provide services to hospitals affiliated with Ascension Health that executed separate managed service contracts with us. Hospitals affiliated with Ascension Health that are currently receiving services from us under separate managed service contracts under the Legacy Agreement will be required to make a choice to either opt in to the new Ascension agreement by executing a new supplement agreement with us or to continue their service relationships with us pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Legacy Agreement and their separate managed service contracts with us.

Hospitals affiliated with Ascension Health have accounted for a significant portion of our net services revenue each year since our formation. In the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, aggregate revenue from hospitals affiliated with Ascension Health represented 40.8%, 50.7% and 60.3% of our total net services revenue in such periods and 34.7% and 42.9% of our total net services revenue in the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. In some fiscal periods, individual hospitals affiliated with Ascension Health have each accounted for 10% or more of our total net services revenue. For example, in the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 revenue from St. John Health (an affiliate of Ascension Health) was equal to 11.1% and 13.0%, respectively, of our total net services revenue.

If hospitals affiliated with Ascension Health that are currently parties to separate managed services contracts with us under the Legacy Agreement do not opt into new supplemental agreements with us under the new Ascension agreement and decide not to continue receiving services from us under their managed service contracts under the Legacy Agreement when those managed service contracts expire, our business, results of operations and financial condition may be harmed.

Additionally, Henry Ford Health System, which is not affiliated with Ascension Health and with which we entered into a managed service contract in 2009, accounted for 11.3% of our total net services revenue in the year ended December 31, 2010. St. John Health's and Henry Ford Health System's respective revenue in the year ended December 31, 2011 was less than 10% of our total net services revenue due to the expansion of our customer base and associated revenues. Intermountain Healthcare, which is not affiliated with Ascension Health and with which we entered into a managed service contract in the last quarter of 2011, accounted for 17.8% of our total net services revenue in the nine months ended September 30, 2012. Furthermore, Fairview, which is not affiliated with Ascension Health and with which we entered into a managed service contract in 2010, accounted for 12.2% and 10.7% of our total net services revenue in the years ended

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December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and 4.7% and 13.3% of our total net services revenue in the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. For the present status of our service contracts with Fairview, please see above risk factor entitled “The loss of our contracts with Fairview Health Services will adversely affect our operating results.”

Pursuant to our Legacy Agreement with Ascension, and the related managed service contracts with hospitals affiliated with Ascension Health, our fees are subject to adjustment in the event quarterly cash collections at these hospitals deteriorate materially after we take over revenue cycle management operations. While these adjustments have never been triggered, if they were, our future fees from hospitals affiliated with Ascension Health that continue to receive our services pursuant to the Legacy Agreement would be reduced. In addition, any of our other customers, including hospitals affiliated with Ascension Health, can elect not to renew their managed service contracts with us upon expiration. We intend to seek renewal of all managed service contracts with our customers, but cannot assure you that all of them will be renewed or that the terms upon which they may be renewed will be as favorable to us as the terms of the initial managed service contracts. Our inability to renew the managed service contracts or supplements with hospitals affiliated with Ascension Health, the termination of our new Ascension agreement, the loss of any of our other large customers or their failure to renew their managed service contracts with us upon expiration, or a reduction in the fees for our services for these customers would have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. For example, the termination of our two contracts with Fairview has adversely affected our operating results.

If we are unable to retain our existing customers, our financial condition will suffer.

Our success depends in part upon the retention of our customers, particularly Ascension Health and its affiliated hospitals. We derive our net services revenue primarily from managed service contracts pursuant to which we receive base fees and incentive payments. Customers can elect not to renew their managed service contracts with us upon expiration. If a managed service contract is not renewed or is terminated for any reason, including for example, if we are found to be in violation of any federal or state laws or excluded from participating in federal and state healthcare programs such as Medicare and Medicaid, we will not receive the payments we would have otherwise received over the life of contract. Ascension Health can also terminate a supplement agreement under the new Ascension agreement if the receipt of services under the supplement agreement causes a material negative impact to Ascension Health's brand, reputation or operations, in Ascension Health's good faith estimation, because we provided services for Ascension Health, or similar services for other customers, in a manner that was not authorized by Ascension Health when providing such services for Ascension Health. In addition, financial issues or other changes in customer circumstances, such as a customer change in control, may cause us or the customer to seek to modify or terminate a managed service contract, and either we or the customer may generally terminate a contract for material uncured breach by the other. If we breach a managed service contract or fail to perform in accordance with contractual service levels, we may also be liable to the customer for damages. Any of these events could adversely affect our business, financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

Our new Ascension agreement requires us to offer to Ascension Health's affiliated hospitals service fees that are at least as low as the fees we charge any other similarly situated customer receiving comparable services at comparable or lower volumes.

Our new Ascension agreement requires us to offer to Ascension Health's affiliated hospitals fees for our services that are at least as low as the fees we charge any other similarly-situated customer receiving comparable services at comparable or lower volumes. If we were to offer another similarly-situated customer receiving a comparable or lower volume of comparable services fees that are lower than the fees paid by hospitals affiliated with Ascension Health, we would be obligated to offer such lower fees to hospitals affiliated with Ascension Health, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

Our agreements with hospitals affiliated with Ascension Health and with some other customers include provisions that could impede or delay our ability to enter into managed service contracts with new customers.

Under the terms of our new Ascension agreement with Ascension Health, we cannot begin to negotiate the provision of services to a competitor that is in close proximity to an affiliated hospital that has executed a supplement agreement

with us until we have informed and discussed the situation with such hospital affiliate. In addition, our managed service contract with one customer not affiliated with Ascension Health requires us to consult with such customer before providing services to competitors specified by such customer. The obligations described above could impede or delay our ability to enter into managed service contracts with new customers. The markets for our revenue cycle management, physician advisory services and quality and total cost of care services may develop more slowly than we expect and some potential customers for our services may be deterred by the lawsuit initiated against us by the Minnesota Attorney General that we settled in July 2012 and resulting related legal proceedings, which could adversely affect our revenue and our ability to maintain or increase our profitability. Our success depends, in part, on the willingness of hospitals, physicians and other healthcare providers to implement integrated solutions that span the entire revenue cycle, which encompasses patient registration, insurance and benefit

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verification, medical treatment documentation and coding, bill preparation and collections. Our success also depends on healthcare providers' willingness to move away from traditional fee-for-service payment systems and toward accountable care organizations and similar initiatives, or to adjust their process for performing the classification of care assessment. Some hospitals may be reluctant or unwilling to implement our solutions for a number of reasons, including failure to perceive the need for improved revenue cycle operations, quality and total cost of care services or physician advisory services, and lack of knowledge about the potential benefits our solutions provide. In addition, some potential customers for our services may be deterred by the lawsuit initiated against us by the Minnesota Attorney General that we settled in July 2012 and resulting related legal proceedings.

Even if potential customers recognize the need to improve revenue cycle operations and to more effectively manage the health of defined patient populations, they may not select solutions such as ours because they previously have made investments in internally developed solutions and choose to continue to rely on their own internal resources. As a result, the markets for integrated, end-to-end revenue cycle, physician advisory services and quality and total cost of care solutions may develop more slowly than we expect, which could adversely affect our revenue and our ability to maintain or increase our profitability. Fairview's termination of its quality and total cost of care contract may deter other potential customers of this service offering from entering into service contracts with us.

Our business operations include the collection, on behalf of our customers, of medical co-pays and other payments that are due to our customers from their patients, which may be perceived negatively by the public and result in an adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Pursuant to managed service contracts with our customers, we collect, on behalf of our customers, medical co-pays and other payments that are due to our customers from their patients. This business practice, which has received widespread, unfavorable publicity as a result of the lawsuit initiated against us by the Minnesota Attorney General that we settled in July 2012 and resulting related legal proceedings, may be negatively perceived by the public and has led us to change aspects of our business practices, and may require us to make additional changes to our business practices, make it more difficult to retain existing customers or attract new customers, extend the time it takes to enter into service contracts with new customers, and result in an adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We operate in a highly competitive industry, and our current or future competitors may be able to compete more effectively than we do, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, revenue, growth rates and market share.

The market for our solutions is highly competitive and we expect competition to intensify in the future. We face competition from a steady stream of new entrants, including the internal revenue cycle management staff of hospitals, as described above, and external participants. External participants that are our competitors in the revenue cycle market include software vendors and other technology-supported revenue cycle management business process outsourcing companies; traditional consultants; and information technology outsourcers. These types of external participants also compete with us in the field of quality and total cost of care. In addition, the commercial payor community has historically attempted to provide information or services that are intended to assist providers in reducing the total cost of medical care. They could attempt to develop similar programs again. Our competitors may be able to respond more quickly and effectively than we can to new or changing opportunities, technologies, standards, regulations or customer requirements. We may not be able to compete successfully with these companies, and these or other competitors may introduce technologies or services that render our technologies or services obsolete or less marketable. Even if our technologies and services are more effective than the offerings of our competitors, current or potential customers might prefer competitive technologies or services to our technologies and services. Increased competition is likely to result in pricing pressures, which could adversely affect our margins, growth rate or market share.

We face a selling cycle of variable length to secure new revenue cycle and quality and total cost of care managed service contracts, making it difficult to predict the timing of specific new customer relationships.

We face a selling cycle of variable length, typically spanning six to twelve months, to secure a new managed service contract. Even if we succeed in developing a relationship with a potential new customer, we may not be successful in

entering into a managed service contract with that customer. In addition, we cannot accurately predict the timing of entering into managed service contracts with new customers due to the complex procurement decision processes of most healthcare providers, which often involves high-level or committee approvals. Consequently, we have only a limited ability to predict the timing of specific new customer relationships. Moreover, the unfavorable publicity we have received as a result of the lawsuit initiated against us by the Minnesota Attorney General that we settled in July 2012 and resulting related legal proceedings may result in the lengthening of the selling cycle with new customers. Delayed or unsuccessful implementation of our technologies or services with our customers or implementation costs that exceed our expectations may harm our financial results.

To implement our solutions, we utilize the customer's existing management and staff and layer our proprietary technology applications on top of the customer's existing patient accounting and clinical systems. Each customer's situation is

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different, and unanticipated difficulties and delays may arise. If the implementation process is not executed successfully or is delayed, our relationship with the customer may be adversely affected and our results of operations could suffer. Implementation of our solutions also requires us to integrate our own employees into the customer's operations. The customer's circumstances may require us to devote a larger number of our employees than anticipated, which could increase our costs and harm our financial results.

Our quarterly results of operations may fluctuate as a result of factors that affect our incentive and base fees, some of which may be outside of our control.

We recognize base fee revenue on a straight-line basis over the life of the managed service contract. Base fees for contracts which are received in advance of services delivered are classified as deferred revenue until services have been provided. Our managed service contracts generally allow for adjustments to the base fee. Adjustments typically occur at 90, 180 or 360 days after the contract commences, but can also occur at subsequent dates as a result of factors including changes to the scope of operations and internal and external audits. In addition, under the Legacy Agreement with Ascension, our fees from hospitals affiliated with Ascension Health are subject to adjustment in the event quarterly cash collections at these hospitals deteriorate materially after we take over revenue cycle management operations. While these adjustments have never been triggered, if they were, our future fees from hospitals affiliated with Ascension Health that continue to receive services under the Legacy Agreement would be reduced. Further, estimates of the incentive payments we have earned from providing services to customers in prior periods could change because the laws, regulations, instructions, payor contracts and rule interpretations governing how our customers receive payments from payors are complex and change frequently. Any such change in estimates could be material. The timing of such adjustments is often dependent on factors outside of our control and may result in material increases or decreases in our revenue and operating margin. Any such changes or adjustments may cause our quarter-to-quarter results of operations to fluctuate.

In addition, the timing of customer additions is not uniform throughout the year, which causes fluctuations in our quarterly results as new customers are added. Operating margins are typically slightly lower in quarters in which we add new customers because we incur expenses to implement our operating model at those customers while our incentive payments from revenue improvements and operating cost reductions for those customers are only at a preliminary stage. We also experience fluctuations in incentive payments as a result of patients' ability to accelerate or defer elective procedures, particularly around holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. Generally, incentive payments are lower in the first quarter of each year and higher in the fourth quarter of each year. Incentive payments have a significant effect on operating margins and adjusted EBITDA, and changes in the amount of incentive payments can cause fluctuations in our quarter-to-quarter operating results.

If we lose key personnel or if we are unable to attract, hire, integrate and retain key personnel and other necessary employees, our business would be harmed.

Our future success depends in part on our ability to attract, hire, integrate and retain key personnel. Our future success also depends on the continued contributions of our executive officers and other key personnel, each of whom may be difficult to replace. In particular, Mary A. Tolan, our founder, president and chief executive officer, is critical to the management of our business and operations and the development of our strategic direction. The loss of services of Ms. Tolan or any of our other executive officers or key personnel or the inability to continue to attract qualified personnel could have a material adverse effect on our business. The replacement of any of these key personnel would involve significant time and expense and may significantly delay or prevent the achievement of our business objectives. Competition for the caliber and number of employees we require is intense. We may face difficulty identifying and hiring qualified personnel at compensation levels consistent with our existing compensation and salary structure. In addition, we invest significant time and expense in training each of our employees, which increases their value to competitors who may seek to recruit them. If we fail to retain our employees, we could incur significant expenses in hiring, integrating and training their replacements and the quality of our services and our ability to serve our customers could diminish, resulting in a material adverse effect on our business. The widespread, unfavorable publicity resulting from the lawsuit initiated against us by the Minnesota Attorney General that we settled in July 2012 and resulting related legal proceedings may cause some employees to voluntarily terminate their employment with us

and may make it more difficult for us to attract and retain employees.

The imposition of legal responsibility for obligations related to our employees or our customers' employees could adversely affect our business or subject us to liability.

Under our contracts with customers, we directly manage our customers' employees engaged in the activities we have contracted to manage for our customers. Our managed service contracts establish the division of responsibilities between us and our customers for various personnel management matters, including compliance with and liability under various employment laws and regulations. We could, nevertheless, be found to have liability with our customers for actions against or by employees of our customers, including under various employment laws and regulations, such as those relating to discrimination, retaliation, wage and hour matters, occupational safety and health, family and medical leave, notice of facility

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closings and layoffs and labor relations, as well as similar liability with respect to our own employees, and any such liability could result in a material adverse effect on our business.

If we fail to manage future growth effectively, our business would be harmed.

We have expanded our operations significantly since inception and anticipate expanding further. For example, our net services revenue increased from \$240.7 million in 2007 to \$826.3 million in 2011, and the number of our employees increased from 33, all of whom were full-time, as of January 1, 2005 to 2,721 full-time employees and 342 part-time employees as of December 31, 2011 and to approximately 2,700 full-time employees and 225 part-time employees as of September 30, 2012. In addition, the number of customer employees whom we manage has fluctuated from approximately 1,600 as of January 1, 2005 to approximately 11,300 as of December 31, 2011 and to approximately 9,200 as of September 30, 2012. This growth has placed significant demands on our management, infrastructure and other resources. To manage future growth, we will need to hire, integrate and retain highly skilled and motivated employees, and will need to effectively manage a growing number of customer employees engaged in revenue cycle operations. We will also need to continue to improve our financial and management controls, reporting systems and procedures. If we do not effectively manage our growth, we may not be able to execute on our business plan, respond to competitive pressures, take advantage of market opportunities, satisfy customer requirements or maintain high-quality service offerings.

Disruptions in service or damage to our data centers and shared services centers could adversely affect our business. Our data centers and shared services centers are essential to our business. Our operations depend on our ability to operate our shared service centers, and to maintain and protect our applications, which are located in data centers that are operated for us by third parties. We cannot control or assure the continued or uninterrupted availability of these third-party data centers. In addition, our information technologies and systems, as well as our data centers and shared services centers, are vulnerable to damage or interruption from various causes, including (i) acts of God and other natural disasters, war and acts of terrorism and (ii) power losses, computer systems failures, Internet and telecommunications or data network failures, operator error, losses of and corruption of data and similar events. We conduct business continuity planning and maintain insurance against fires, floods, other natural disasters and general business interruptions to mitigate the adverse effects of a disruption, relocation or change in operating environment at one of our data centers or shared services centers, but the situations we plan for and the amount of insurance coverage we maintain may not be adequate in any particular case. In addition, the occurrence of any of these events could result in interruptions, delays or cessations in service to our customers, or in interruptions, delays or cessations in the direct connections we establish between our customers and third-party payors. Any of these events could impair or inhibit our ability to provide our services, reduce the attractiveness of our services to current or potential customers and adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, despite the implementation of security measures, our infrastructure, data centers, shared services centers or systems that we interface with, including the Internet and related systems, may be vulnerable to physical break-ins, hackers, improper employee or contractor access, computer viruses, programming errors, denial-of-service attacks or other attacks by third parties seeking to disrupt operations or misappropriate information or similar physical or electronic breaches of security. Any of these can cause system failure, including network, software or hardware failure, which can result in service disruptions. As a result, we may be required to expend significant capital and other resources to protect against security breaches and hackers or to alleviate problems caused by such breaches.

If our security measures are breached or fail and unauthorized access is obtained to a customer's data, our service may be perceived as not being secure, the attractiveness of our services to current or potential customers may be reduced, and we may incur significant liabilities.

Our services involve the storage and transmission of customers' proprietary information and protected health, financial, payment and other personal information of patients. We rely on proprietary and commercially available systems, software, tools and monitoring, as well as other processes, to provide security for processing, transmission and storage of such information, and because of the sensitivity of this information, the effectiveness of such security efforts is very important. The systems currently used for transmission and approval of credit card transactions, and the

technology utilized in credit cards themselves, all of which can put credit card data at risk, are determined and controlled by the payment card industry, not by us. If our security measures are breached or fail as a result of third-party action, employee error, malfeasance or otherwise, someone may be able to obtain unauthorized access to customer or patient data. Improper activities by third parties, advances in computer and software capabilities and encryption technology, new tools and discoveries and other events or developments may facilitate or result in a compromise or breach of our computer systems. Techniques used to obtain unauthorized access or to sabotage systems change frequently and generally are not recognized until launched against a target, and we may be unable to anticipate these techniques or to implement adequate preventive measures. Our security measures may not be effective in preventing these types of activities, and the security measures of our third-party data centers and service providers may not be adequate. If a breach of our security occurs, we could face damages for contract breach, penalties for violation of applicable laws or regulations, possible lawsuits by individuals affected by the breach and significant remediation costs and efforts to prevent future occurrences. In addition, whether there is an actual or a perceived

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breach of our security, the market perception of the effectiveness of our security measures could be harmed and we could lose current or potential customers.

We may be liable to our customers or third parties if we make errors in providing our services, and our anticipated net services revenue may be lower if we provide poor service.

The services we offer are complex, and we make errors from time to time. Errors can result from the interface of our proprietary technology applications and a customer's existing patient accounting system, or we may make human errors in any aspect of our service offerings. The costs incurred in correcting any material errors may be substantial and could adversely affect our operating results. Our customers, or third parties such as our customers' patients, may assert claims against us alleging that they suffered damages due to our errors, and such claims could subject us to significant legal defense costs and adverse publicity regardless of the merits or eventual outcome of such claims. In addition, if we provide poor service to a customer and the customer therefore realizes less improvement in revenue yield, the incentive fee payments to us from that customer will be lower than anticipated.

We offer our services in many jurisdictions and, therefore, may be subject to state and local taxes that could harm our business or that we may have inadvertently failed to pay.

We may lose sales or incur significant costs should various tax jurisdictions be successful in imposing taxes on a broader range of services. Imposition of such taxes on our services could result in substantial unplanned costs, would effectively increase the cost of such services to our customers and may adversely affect our ability to retain existing customers or to gain new customers in the areas in which such taxes are imposed.

We may seek to expand into international markets in the future. We have no experience in providing services to customers outside of the United States. Expansion into international markets, if pursued, could expose us to additional risks that we do not face in the United States, which could have an adverse effect on our operating results.

To date, all customers for all of our service offerings have been located in the United States. We believe that increasing healthcare costs are a concern for other developed nations and that management of the health of a defined patient population is a cost effective means to control overall healthcare expenditures. We have received inquiries from government-related healthcare providers in other countries about our quality and total cost of care service offering. As a result, we are beginning to evaluate the level of potential interest in this service offering and the methods of delivering this solution to international customers. This process is in a very early stage and there is no assurance that our quality and total cost of care service offering can be successfully tailored to meet the specific requirements of healthcare providers outside the United States, that a market for this service will develop outside of the United States or that we will be able to serve this market efficiently.

We have no experience in providing services to customers outside of the United States. If we seek to expand into international markets in the future, such operations will be subject to a variety of legal, financial, operational, regulatory, economic and political risks that we do not face in the United States. We may not be successful in developing and implementing policies and strategies that would be effective in managing these risks in each country where we may seek do business. Our failure to manage these risks successfully could harm our operations and increase our costs, and put pressure on our business, financial condition and operating results.

Our growing operations in India expose us to risks that could have an adverse effect on our costs of operations. We employ a significant number of persons in India and expect to continue to add personnel in India. While there are cost advantages to operating in India, significant growth in the technology sector in India has increased competition to attract and retain skilled employees and has led to a commensurate increase in compensation expense. In the future, we may not be able to hire and retain such personnel at compensation levels consistent with our existing compensation and salary structure in India. In addition, our reliance on a workforce in India exposes us to disruptions in the business, political and economic environment in that region. Maintenance of a stable political environment is important to our operations, and terrorist attacks and acts of violence or war may directly affect our physical facilities and workforce or contribute to general instability. Our operations in India require us to comply with local laws and regulatory requirements, which are complex and of which we may not always be aware, and expose us to foreign currency exchange rate risk. Our Indian operations may also subject us to trade restrictions, reduced or inadequate protection for intellectual property rights, security breaches and other factors that may adversely affect our business.

Negative developments in any of these areas could increase our costs of operations or otherwise harm our business. Negative public perception in the United States regarding offshore outsourcing and proposed legislation may increase the cost of delivering our services.

Offshore outsourcing is a politically sensitive topic in the United States. For example, various organizations and public figures in the United States, including the Minnesota Attorney General in her Compliance Review, have expressed concern about a perceived association between offshore outsourcing providers and the loss of jobs in the United States. In addition, there has been recent publicity about the negative experience of certain companies that use offshore outsourcing, particularly in India. Current or prospective customers may elect to perform such services themselves or may be discouraged from

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transferring these services from onshore to offshore providers to avoid negative perceptions that may be associated with using an offshore provider. Any slowdown or reversal of existing industry trends towards offshore outsourcing would increase the cost of delivering our services if we had to relocate aspects of our services from India to the United States where operating costs are higher.

Legislation in the United States may be enacted that is intended to discourage or restrict offshore outsourcing. In the United States, federal and state legislation has been proposed, and enacted in several states, that could restrict or discourage U.S. companies from outsourcing their services to companies outside the United States. For example, legislation has been proposed that would require offshore providers to identify where they are located. In addition, legislation has been enacted in at least one state that requires that state contracts for services be performed within the United States, while several other states provide a preference to state contracts that are performed within the state. It is possible that legislation could be adopted that would restrict U.S. private sector companies that have federal or state government contracts, or that receive government funding or reimbursement, such as Medicare or Medicaid payments, from outsourcing their services to offshore service providers. Any changes to existing laws or the enactment of new legislation restricting offshore outsourcing in the United States may adversely affect our ability to do business, particularly if these changes are widespread, and could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

Regulatory Risks

The healthcare industry is heavily regulated. Our failure to comply with regulatory requirements could create liability for us, result in adverse publicity and adversely affect our business.

The healthcare industry is heavily regulated and is subject to changing political, legislative, regulatory and other influences. Many healthcare laws are complex, and their application to specific services and relationships may not be clear. In particular, many existing healthcare laws and regulations, when enacted, did not anticipate the services that we provide. There can be no assurance that our operations will not be challenged or adversely affected by enforcement initiatives. Our failure to accurately anticipate the application of these laws and regulations to our business, or any other failure to comply with regulatory requirements, could create liability for us, result in adverse publicity and adversely affect our business. Federal and state legislatures and agencies frequently consider proposals to revise aspects of the healthcare industry or to revise or create additional statutory and regulatory requirements. Such proposals, if implemented, could adversely affect our operations, the use of our services and our ability to market new services, or could create unexpected liabilities for us. We are unable to predict what changes to laws or regulations might be made in the future or how those changes could affect our business or our operating costs.

Developments in the healthcare industry, including national healthcare reform, could adversely affect our business. The healthcare industry has changed significantly in recent years and we expect that significant changes will continue to occur. The timing and impact of developments in the healthcare industry are difficult to predict. We cannot be sure that the markets for our services will continue to exist at current levels or that we will have adequate technical, financial and marketing resources to react to changes in those markets. The federal healthcare reform legislation (known as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) enacted in 2010 could encourage more companies to enter our market, provide advantages to our competitors and result in the development of solutions that compete with ours. Moreover, healthcare reform remains a major policy issue at the federal level, and constitutional challenges to or the repeal of the existing legislation and additional healthcare legislation in the future could have adverse consequences for us or the customers we serve. Other material changes, such as the required transition by October 1, 2014 to ICD-10, which is a revised set of coding conventions required under HIPAA for diagnosis and inpatient hospital procedures, will impose significant system and business changes throughout the healthcare industry, and could be disruptive to our customers and our business.

If we violate the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act or state health information privacy laws, we may incur significant liabilities, and any such violations could make it more difficult to retain existing customers or attract new customers, extend the time it takes to enter into service contracts with new customers, and result in an adverse effect on our business, results of

operations and financial condition.

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended, and the regulations that have been issued under it, which we refer to collectively as HIPAA, contain substantial restrictions and requirements with respect to the use and disclosure of individuals' protected health information. Under HIPAA, covered entities must establish administrative, physical and technical safeguards to protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of electronic protected health information maintained or transmitted by them or by others on their behalf. The Minnesota Attorney General's lawsuit, which we settled in July 2012, alleged that we are a covered entity directly subject to the requirements of HIPAA as a "healthcare provider." If we were found to be a healthcare provider, we could have liability under HIPAA and state health information privacy and licensing laws. In addition, most of our customers are covered entities and we are a business associate to many of those customers under HIPAA as a result of our contractual obligations to perform certain functions on behalf of and provide

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certain services to those customers. As a business associate, our use and disclosure of protected health information is restricted by HIPAA and the business associate agreements we are required to enter into with our covered entity customers.

In 2009, HIPAA was amended by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health, or HITECH, Act to impose certain of the HIPAA privacy and security requirements directly upon business associates of covered entities and increase significantly the monetary penalties for violations of HIPAA. New regulations that took effect in late 2009 also require business associates to notify covered entities, who in turn must notify affected individuals and government authorities, of data security breaches involving unsecured protected health information. Since the passage of the HITECH Act, enforcement of HIPAA violations has increased, as indicated by the announcement of a number of significant settlement agreements and/or sanctions by federal authorities, the pursuit of HIPAA violations by state attorneys general, and the roll-out of a new federal audit program for covered entities (which will in the future be extended to business associates).

In addition to HIPAA, most states have enacted patient confidentiality laws that protect against the unauthorized disclosure of confidential medical information, and many states have adopted or are considering further legislation in this area, including privacy safeguards, security standards and data security breach notification requirements. Such state laws, if more stringent than HIPAA, are not preempted by the federal requirements, and we must comply with them even though they may be subject to different interpretations by various courts and other governmental authorities.

We have implemented and maintain physical, technical and administrative safeguards intended to protect all personal data and have processes in place to assist us in complying with applicable laws and regulations regarding the protection of this data and properly responding to any security incidents or breaches. A knowing breach of the HITECH Act's requirements could expose us to criminal liability. A breach of our safeguards and processes that is not due to reasonable cause or involves willful neglect could expose us to significant civil penalties and the possibility of civil litigation under HIPAA and applicable state law.

In July 2011, a laptop computer used by one of our employees that contained protected health information for patients of two customers, Fairview and North Memorial, was stolen. The laptop was password-protected but was not encrypted, in violation of company policy. We notified both Fairview and North Memorial of the July 2011 theft, who in turn notified the affected individuals as well as the appropriate regulators. The Minnesota Attorney General subsequently initiated a lawsuit against us, which we settled in July 2012, for, among other things, alleged violations of federal and Minnesota state health privacy laws and regulations arising from the laptop theft. Laptop computers used by our employees that contained protected health information have also been stolen on other occasions. We do not believe that any patient data has been compromised as a result of any of these thefts. Nonetheless, these incidents could make it more difficult to retain existing customers or attract new customers, extend the time it takes to enter into service contracts with new customers, and result in an adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

If we fail to comply with federal and state laws governing submission of false or fraudulent claims to government healthcare programs and financial relationships among healthcare providers, we may be subject to civil and criminal penalties or loss of eligibility to participate in government healthcare programs.

A number of federal and state laws, including anti-kickback restrictions and laws prohibiting the submission of false or fraudulent claims, apply to healthcare providers, physicians and others that make, offer, seek or receive payments or split fees for referrals of products or services that may be paid for through any federal or state healthcare program and, in some instances, any private program. These laws are complex and their application to our specific services and relationships may not be clear and may be applied to our business in ways that we do not anticipate. Federal and state regulatory and law enforcement authorities have recently increased enforcement activities with respect to Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse regulations and other healthcare reimbursement laws and rules. From time to time, participants in the healthcare industry receive inquiries or subpoenas to produce documents in connection with government investigations. We could be required to expend significant time and resources to comply with these requests, and the attention of our management team could be diverted by these efforts. Furthermore, if we are found to

be in violation of any federal or state fraud and abuse laws, we could be subject to civil and criminal penalties, forced to restructure our business and excluded from participating in federal and state healthcare programs such as Medicare and Medicaid which would result in significant harm to our business and financial condition.

The federal healthcare anti-kickback law prohibits any person or entity from offering, paying, soliciting or receiving anything of value, directly or indirectly, for the referral of patients covered by Medicare, Medicaid and other federal healthcare programs or the leasing, purchasing, ordering or arranging for or recommending the lease, purchase or order of any item, good, facility or service covered by these programs. Many states have adopted similar prohibitions against kickbacks and other practices that are intended to induce referrals, and some of these state laws are applicable to all patients regardless of whether the patient is covered under a governmental health program or private health plan. New payment structures, such as accountable care organizations and other arrangements involving combinations of hospitals, physicians and other providers who share payment savings, potentially implicate anti-kickback and other fraud and abuse laws. We seek to structure our business relationships and activities to avoid any activity that could be construed to implicate the federal

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healthcare anti-kickback law and similar laws. We cannot assure you, however, that our arrangements and activities will be deemed outside the scope of these laws or that increased enforcement activities will not directly or indirectly have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations. Any determination by a federal or state agency or court that we have violated any of these laws could subject us to civil or criminal penalties, could require us to change or terminate some portions of our operations or business, could disqualify us from providing services to healthcare providers doing business with government programs, could give our customers the right to terminate our managed service contracts with them and, thus, could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations. Moreover, any violations by and resulting penalties or exclusions imposed upon our customers could adversely affect their financial condition and, in turn, have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

There are also numerous federal and state laws that forbid submission of false information or the failure to disclose information in connection with the submission and payment of healthcare provider claims for reimbursement. In particular, the federal False Claims Act, or the FCA, prohibits a person from knowingly presenting or causing to be presented a false or fraudulent claim for payment or approval by an officer, employee or agent of the United States. In addition, the FCA prohibits a person from knowingly making, using, or causing to be made or used a false record or statement material to such a claim. The FCA may be enforced by the government or by private whistleblowers under the “qui tam” provisions of the statute. Whistleblowers are entitled to a share of any recovery in a FCA case. Changes to the FCA enacted as part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act make it easier for whistleblowers to bring FCA claims. Violations of the FCA may result in treble damages, significant monetary penalties, and other collateral consequences including, potentially, exclusion from participation in federally funded healthcare programs. The scope and implications of the amendments to the FCA pursuant to the Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009, or FERA, have yet to be fully determined or adjudicated and as a result it is difficult to predict how future enforcement initiatives may affect our business.

These laws and regulations may change rapidly, and it is frequently unclear how they apply to our business. Errors created by our proprietary applications or services that relate to entry, formatting, preparation or transmission of claim or cost report information may be determined or alleged to cause the submission of false claims or otherwise be in violation of these laws and regulations. Any failure of our proprietary applications or services to comply with these laws and regulations could result in substantial civil or criminal liability and could, among other things, adversely affect demand for our services, invalidate all or portions of some of our managed service contracts with our customers, require us to change or terminate some portions of our business, require us to refund portions of our base fee revenues and incentive payment revenues, cause us to be disqualified from serving customers doing business with government payers, and give our customers the right to terminate our managed service contracts with them, any one of which could have an adverse effect on our business.

We cannot be certain that governmental officials responsible for enforcing EMTALA, or other parties, will not assert that our customers are in violation of EMTALA, and defending and settling allegations of EMTALA violations could have an adverse effect on our business even if we are ultimately not found to have contributed to such violations. The federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act, or EMTALA, requires Medicare-participating hospitals that have emergency departments to provide a medical screening examination and stabilizing treatment to all individuals who come to the hospital seeking treatment of an emergency medical condition, regardless of the patient's ability to pay for the care. Sanctions for failing to fulfill these requirements include exclusion from participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs and civil monetary penalties. In addition, the law creates private civil remedies that enable an individual who suffers personal harm as a direct result of a violation of the law to sue the offending hospital for damages and equitable relief.

The Minnesota Attorney General's Compliance Review described circumstances raising potential EMTALA concerns at Fairview and raised questions as to whether our practices contributed to any such violations. Since we are not a healthcare provider, EMTALA is not applicable to us, but we cannot be certain that governmental officials responsible for enforcing EMTALA, or other parties, will not assert that our customers are in violation of EMTALA. If our customers are found to have violated EMTALA, they may assert claims that our management practices contributed to

the violation. Defending and settling allegations of EMTALA violations could have an adverse effect on our business even if we are ultimately not found guilty of a violation.

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Our failure to comply with debt collection and consumer credit reporting regulations could subject us to fines and other liabilities, which could harm our reputation and business, and could make it more difficult to retain existing customers or attract new customers, extend the time it takes to enter into service contracts with new customers, and result in an adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

The U.S. Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, or FDCPA, regulates persons who regularly collect or attempt to collect, directly or indirectly, consumer debts in default that are owed or asserted to be owed to another person. Certain of our accounts receivable activities may be subject to the FDCPA. Many states impose additional requirements on debt collection communications, and some of those requirements may be more stringent than the federal requirements. Moreover, regulations governing debt collection are subject to changing interpretations that may be inconsistent among different jurisdictions. The Fair Credit Reporting Act, or FCRA, regulates consumer credit and other types of reporting. Although we do not believe our activities implicate the FCRA, the FTC is reviewing whether any of our other business activities may be covered. We could incur costs or could be subject to fines or other penalties under the FCRA, the FDCPA and the Federal Trade Commission Act, or FTC Act, if we are determined to have mishandled protected information. We or our customers could be required to report such breaches to affected consumers or regulatory authorities, leading to disclosures that could damage our reputation or harm our business, financial position and operating results. The lawsuit initiated against us by the Minnesota Attorney General that we settled in July 2012 alleged, among other things, that we violated the Minnesota debt collection laws. The resulting FTC and Congressional inquiries also seek information with respect to our practices as they relate to the FDCPA and the FCRA and whether our practices constitute an unfair or deceptive business practice relating to consumer privacy and/or data security under Section 5 of the FTC Act. These allegations and inquiries could require us to change aspects of our business practices, make it more difficult to retain existing customers or attract new customers, extend the time it takes to enter into service contracts with new customers, and result in an adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Potential additional regulation of the disclosure of health information outside the United States may increase our costs. Federal or state governmental authorities may impose additional data security standards or additional privacy or other restrictions on the collection, use, transmission and other disclosures of health information. Legislation has been proposed at various times at both the federal and the state levels that would limit, forbid or regulate the use or transmission of medical information pertaining to U.S. patients outside of the United States. Such legislation, if adopted, may render our operations in India impracticable or substantially more expensive. Moving such operations to the United States may involve substantial delay in implementation and increased costs.

Risks Related to Intellectual Property

We may be unable to adequately protect our intellectual property.

Our success depends, in part, upon our ability to establish, protect and enforce our intellectual property and other proprietary rights. If we fail to establish or protect our intellectual property rights, we may lose an important advantage in the market in which we compete. We rely upon a combination of patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret law and contractual terms and conditions to protect our intellectual property rights, all of which provide only limited protection. We cannot assure you that our intellectual property rights are sufficient to protect our competitive advantages. Although we have filed eight U.S. patent applications, we cannot assure you that any patents that will be issued from these applications will provide us with the protection that we seek or that any future patents issued to us will not be challenged, invalidated or circumvented. We have also been issued one U.S. patent, but we cannot assure you that it will provide us with the protection that we seek or that it will not be challenged, invalidated or circumvented. Legal standards relating to the validity, enforceability and scope of protection of patents are uncertain. Any patents that may be issued in the future from pending or future patent applications or our one issued patent may not provide sufficiently broad protection or they may not prove to be enforceable in actions against alleged infringers. Also, we cannot assure you that any trademark registrations will be issued for pending or future applications or that any of our trademarks will be enforceable or provide adequate protection of our proprietary rights.

We also rely in some circumstances on trade secrets to protect our technology. Trade secrets may lose their value if not properly protected. We endeavor to enter into non-disclosure agreements with our employees, customers, contractors and business partners to limit access to and disclosure of our proprietary information. The steps we have taken, however, may not prevent unauthorized use of our technology, and adequate remedies may not be available in the event of unauthorized use or disclosure of our trade secrets and proprietary technology. Moreover, others may reverse engineer or independently develop technologies that are competitive to ours or infringe our intellectual property.

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Accordingly, despite our efforts, we may be unable to prevent third parties from infringing or misappropriating our intellectual property and using our technology for their competitive advantage. Any such infringement or misappropriation could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. Monitoring infringement of our intellectual property rights can be difficult and costly, and enforcement of our intellectual property rights may require us to bring legal actions against infringers. Infringement actions are inherently uncertain and therefore may not be successful, even when our rights have been infringed, and even if successful may require a substantial amount of resources and divert our management's attention.

Claims by others that we infringe their intellectual property could force us to incur significant costs or revise the way we conduct our business.

Our competitors protect their intellectual property rights by means such as patents, trade secrets, copyrights and trademarks. We have not conducted an independent review of patents issued to third parties. Additionally, because patent applications in the United States and many other jurisdictions are kept confidential for 18 months before they are published, we may be unaware of pending patent applications that relate to our proprietary technology. Although we have not been involved in any litigation related to intellectual property rights of others, from time to time we receive letters from other parties alleging, or inquiring about, possible breaches of their intellectual property rights. Any party asserting that we infringe its proprietary rights would force us to defend ourselves, and possibly our customers, against the alleged infringement. These claims and any resulting lawsuit, if successful, could subject us to significant liability for damages and invalidation of our proprietary rights or interruption or cessation of our operations. The software and technology industries are characterized by the existence of a large number of patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets and by frequent litigation based on allegations of infringement or other violations of intellectual property rights. Moreover, the risk of such a lawsuit will likely increase as our size and scope of our services and technology platforms increase, as our geographic presence and market share expand and as the number of competitors in our market increases.

Any such claims or litigation could:

- be time-consuming and expensive to defend, whether meritorious or not;
- require us to stop providing the services that use the technology that infringes the other party's intellectual property;
- divert the attention of our technical and managerial resources;
- require us to enter into royalty or licensing agreements with third parties, which may not be available on terms that we deem acceptable, if at all;
- prevent us from operating all or a portion of our business or force us to redesign our services and technology platforms, which could be difficult and expensive and may make the performance or value of our service offerings less attractive;
- subject us to significant liability for damages or result in significant settlement payments; or
- require us to indemnify our customers as we are required by contract to indemnify some of our customers for certain claims based upon the infringement or alleged infringement of any third party's intellectual property rights resulting from our customers' use of our intellectual property.

Intellectual property litigation can be costly. Even if we prevail, the cost of such litigation could deplete our financial resources. Litigation is also time-consuming and could divert management's attention and resources away from our business. Furthermore, during the course of litigation, confidential information may be disclosed in the form of documents or testimony in connection with discovery requests, depositions or trial testimony. Disclosure of our confidential information and our involvement in intellectual property litigation could materially adversely affect our business. Some of our competitors may be able to sustain the costs of complex intellectual property litigation more effectively than we can because they have substantially greater resources. In addition, any uncertainties resulting from the initiation and continuation of any litigation could significantly limit our ability to continue our operations and could harm our relationships with current and prospective customers. Any of the foregoing could disrupt our business and have a material adverse effect on our operating results and financial condition.

Risks Related to the Ownership of Shares of Our Common Stock

The trading price of our common stock has been volatile and may continue to be volatile.

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Since December 31, 2011 our common stock has traded at a price per share as high as \$28.46 and as low as \$7.75. The trading price of our common stock is likely to continue to be highly volatile and could be subject to wide fluctuations in response to various factors. In addition to the risks described in this section, factors that may cause the market price of our common stock to fluctuate include:

- fluctuations in our quarterly financial results or the quarterly financial results of companies perceived to be similar to us;
- changes in estimates of our financial results or recommendations by securities analysts;
- the loss of service contracts with customers;

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lawsuits filed against us by governmental authorities or stockholders;
unfavorable publicity concerning our operations or business practices;
investors' general perception of us; and
changes in general economic, industry and market conditions.

In addition, if the stock market in general experiences a loss of investor confidence, the trading price of our common stock could decline for reasons unrelated to our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Since April 24, 2012, several putative securities-related class action and putative derivative lawsuits have been filed against us and certain of our officers and directors alleging, among other things, various violations of the federal securities laws. Regardless of their merits or outcome, these lawsuits are likely to result in substantial costs and divert management's attention and resources, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results and financial condition.

Anti-takeover provisions in our charter documents and Delaware law could discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of our company and may affect the trading price of our common stock.

We are a Delaware corporation and the anti-takeover provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law may discourage, delay or prevent a change in control by prohibiting us from engaging in a business combination with an interested stockholder for a period of three years after the person becomes an interested stockholder, even if a change in control would be beneficial to our existing stockholders. In addition, our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws may discourage, delay or prevent a change in our management or control over us that stockholders may consider favorable. Our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws:

- authorize the issuance of "blank check" preferred stock that could be issued by our board of directors to thwart a takeover attempt;
- provide for a classified board of directors, as a result of which the successors to the directors whose terms have expired will be elected to serve from the time of election and qualification until the third annual meeting following their election;
- require that directors only be removed from office for cause and only upon a supermajority stockholder vote;
- provide that vacancies on the board of directors, including newly created directorships, may be filled only by a majority vote of directors then in office;
- limit who may call special meetings of stockholders; prohibit stockholder action by written consent, requiring all actions to be taken at a meeting of the stockholders; and
- require supermajority stockholder voting to effect certain amendments to our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws.

We may not pay any cash dividends on our capital stock in the foreseeable future.

Although we paid cash dividends on our capital stock in prior to our May 2010 initial public offering, we may not pay cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. Any future dividend payments will be within the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on, among other things, our financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements, capital expenditure requirements, contractual restrictions, provisions of applicable law and other factors that our board of directors may deem relevant. In addition, our revolving credit facility does not permit us to pay dividends without the lender's prior consent. We may not generate sufficient cash from operations in the future to pay dividends on our common stock.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

Use of Proceeds from Initial Public Offering

From the effective date of our Initial Public Offering's registration statement through September 30, 2012, we did not use any of our proceeds from the IPO. There has been no change in the planned use of proceeds from the initial public offering as described in our Registration Statement on Form S-1 declared effective by the SEC on May 19, 2010.

Unregistered Sale of Equity Securities

During the three months ended September 30, 2012, there were no unregistered sales of equity securities.

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Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

We repurchased 1,127,600 shares of our common stock valued at approximately \$13.2 million in the third quarter of 2012. Our share repurchase activity, on a monthly basis, was as follows (in thousands, except share and per share data):

Period	Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under Publicly Announced Plans or Programs
July 1, 2012 - July 31, 2012	—	\$—	—	—
August 1, 2012 - August 31, 2012	—	—	—	—
September 1, 2012 - September 30, 2012	1,127,600	11.67	1,127,600	\$36,886
For the quarter ended September 30, 2012	1,127,600	\$11.67	1,127,600	

ITEM 3. DEFAULT UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

Not applicable.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURE

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
10.1+	Master Professional Services Agreement by and between Ascension Health and Accretive Health, Inc. effective as of August 6, 2012.
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101.INS*	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH*	XBRL Schema Document
101.CAL*	XBRL Calculation Linkbase Document
101.LAB*	XBRL Labels Linkbase Document
101.DEF*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Document

101.PRE* XBRL Presentation Linkbase Document

+ Confidential treatment requested as to certain portions, which portions have been omitted and filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

* XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language) information is furnished and deemed not filed or a part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of Sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, is deemed not filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and otherwise is not subject to liability under these sections.

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SIGNATURES

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

Date: November 8, 2012

ACCRETIVE HEALTH, INC
(Registrant)

By:

/s/ Mary A. Tolan
Mary A. Tolan
Director, Founder, President and Chief Executive
Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

By:

/s/ John T. Staton
John T. Staton
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
(Principal Financial Officer)