
**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 March 31, 2017

or

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

Commission file number: 001-37576

Surgery Partners, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

47-3620923

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**40 Burton Hills Boulevard, Suite 500
Nashville, Tennessee 37215**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(615) 234-5900

(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 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, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth 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)

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

As of May 10, 2017, there were 48,818,241 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

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PART 1 - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

SURGERY PARTNERS, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited, amounts in thousands, except shares and per share amounts)

	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 55,966	\$ 69,699
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$30,040 and \$29,872, respectively	218,015	220,594
Inventories	29,343	28,777
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	35,879	32,014
Acquisition escrow deposit	10,874	10,871
Total current assets	350,077	361,955
Property and equipment, net	204,669	204,253
Intangible assets, net	45,753	48,023
Goodwill	1,556,504	1,555,204
Investments in and advances to affiliates	35,114	34,980
Restricted invested assets	315	315
Long-term deferred tax assets	81,327	83,793
Other long-term assets	15,974	16,435
Total assets	\$ 2,289,733	\$ 2,304,958
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 47,587	\$ 49,766
Accrued payroll and benefits	25,560	29,273
Acquisition escrow liability	10,874	10,871
Other current liabilities	83,713	68,993
Current maturities of long-term debt	28,722	27,822
Total current liabilities	196,456	186,725
Long-term debt, less current maturities	1,396,042	1,414,421
Long-term tax receivable agreement liability	122,351	122,351
Other long-term liabilities	75,889	76,266
Non-controlling interests—redeemable	179,389	180,521
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 20,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued or outstanding	—	—
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 300,000,000 shares authorized, 48,782,362 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2017; 48,488,616 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2016	488	485
Additional paid-in capital	321,820	320,543
Retained deficit	(314,105)	(311,351)
Total Surgery Partners, Inc. stockholders' equity	8,203	9,677
Non-controlling interests—non-redeemable	311,403	314,997
Total stockholders' equity	319,606	324,674
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 2,289,733	\$ 2,304,958

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

SURGERY PARTNERS, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(Unaudited, amounts in thousands, except shares and per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Revenues	\$ 286,183	\$ 267,074
Operating expenses:		
Salaries and benefits	89,887	86,886
Supplies	71,160	63,662
Professional and medical fees	21,125	19,654
Lease expense	13,626	12,434
Other operating expenses	16,150	14,067
Cost of revenues	211,948	196,703
General and administrative expenses (includes contingent acquisition compensation expense of \$2,033 for the quarter ended March 31, 2017)	15,541	12,197
Depreciation and amortization	11,108	9,568
Provision for doubtful accounts	5,675	3,873
Income from equity investments	(1,200)	(758)
Loss (gain) on disposal or impairment of long-lived assets, net	1,196	(206)
Loss on debt refinancing	—	8,281
Merger transaction and integration costs	337	3,172
Electronic health records incentive income	(141)	(93)
Other (income) expense	(2)	57
Total operating expenses	244,462	232,794
Operating income	41,721	34,280
Interest expense, net	(25,182)	(22,153)
Income before income taxes	16,539	12,127
Income tax expense	2,117	1,770
Net income	14,422	10,357
Less: Net income attributable to non-controlling interests	(17,176)	(17,547)
Net loss attributable to Surgery Partners, Inc.	\$ (2,754)	\$ (7,190)
Net loss per share attributable to common stockholders		
Basic	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.15)
Diluted ⁽¹⁾	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.15)
Weighted average common shares outstanding		
Basic	48,019,652	48,017,226
Diluted ⁽¹⁾	48,019,652	48,017,226

⁽¹⁾ The impact of potentially dilutive securities for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 was not considered because the effect would be anti-dilutive in those periods.

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

SURGERY PARTNERS, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS
(Unaudited, amounts in thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Net income	\$ 14,422	\$ 10,357
Other comprehensive income	—	—
Comprehensive income	\$ 14,422	\$ 10,357
Less: Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests	(17,176)	(17,547)
Comprehensive loss attributable to Surgery Partners, Inc.	\$ (2,754)	\$ (7,190)

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SURGERY PARTNERS, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(Unaudited, amounts in thousands, except shares)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Deficit	Non-Controlling Interests— Non-Redeemable	Total
	Shares	Amount				
Balance as of December 31, 2016	48,488,616	\$ 485	\$ 320,543	\$ (311,351)	\$ 314,997	\$ 324,674
Net income	—	—	—	(2,754)	13,390	10,636
Issuance of restricted stock, net of forfeitures	326,345	3	(3)	—	—	—
Equity-based compensation	—	—	634	—	—	634
Cancellation of restricted shares	(32,599)	—	(649)	—	—	(649)
Acquisition and disposal of shares of non-controlling interests, net	—	—	1,295	—	(1,930)	(635)
Distributions to non-controlling interests—non-redeemable holders	—	—	—	—	(15,054)	(15,054)
Balance as of March 31, 2017	48,782,362	\$ 488	\$ 321,820	\$ (314,105)	\$ 311,403	\$ 319,606

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

SURGERY PARTNERS, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited, amounts in thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 14,422	\$ 10,357
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	11,108	9,568
Amortization of debt issuance costs and discounts	1,846	1,417
Amortization of unfavorable lease liability	(81)	(108)
Equity-based compensation	634	133
Loss (gain) on disposal or impairment of long-lived assets, net	1,196	(206)
Loss on debt refinancing	—	8,281
Deferred income taxes	1,806	1,485
Provision for doubtful accounts	5,675	3,873
Income from equity investments, net of distributions received	(139)	(372)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions and divestitures:		
Accounts receivable	(3,433)	(12,546)
Other operating assets and liabilities	1,836	3,362
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>34,870</u>	<u>25,244</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of property and equipment, net	(6,350)	(11,804)
Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(275)	(7,049)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(6,625)</u>	<u>(18,853)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Principal payments on long-term debt	(45,527)	(396,146)
Borrowings of long-term debt	23,592	501,268
Payments of debt issuance costs	—	(11,909)
Penalty on prepayment of debt	—	(4,900)
Distributions to non-controlling interest holders	(19,262)	(17,513)
Receipts related to ownership transactions with consolidated affiliates	154	94
Restricted stock award vesting	(649)	—
Financing lease obligation	(286)	(171)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	<u>(41,978)</u>	<u>70,723</u>
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(13,733)</u>	<u>77,114</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	69,699	57,933
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 55,966</u>	<u>\$ 135,047</u>

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(Unaudited)

1. Organization

Surgery Partners, Inc., a Delaware corporation (together with its subsidiaries, the "Company"), was formed April 2, 2015, as a holding company for the purpose of facilitating an initial public offering (the "IPO") of shares of common stock. Prior to September 30, 2015, the Company conducted business through Surgery Center Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries. Surgery Center Holdings, LLC was and is the sole indirect owner of the equity interests of Surgery Center Holdings, Inc. and has no other material assets. On October 1, 2015, the Company completed its IPO of 14,285,000 shares of common stock at an offering price of \$19.00 per share.

On September 30, 2015, Surgery Partners, Inc. became the direct parent and sole member of Surgery Center Holdings, LLC (the "Reorganization"). In the Reorganization, all of the equity interests held by the pre-IPO owners of Surgery Center Holdings, LLC were contributed to Surgery Partners, Inc. in exchange for 33,871,990 shares of common stock of Surgery Partners, Inc. and certain rights to additional payments under a tax receivable agreement. After giving effect to the Reorganization, Surgery Partners, Inc. is a holding company, and its sole material asset is an equity interest in Surgery Center Holdings, LLC.

As of March 31, 2017, the Company owned and operated a national network of surgical facilities and ancillary services in 29 states. The surgical facilities, which include ambulatory surgery centers ("ASCs") and surgical hospitals, primarily provide non-emergency surgical procedures across many specialties, including, among others, gastroenterology ("GI"), general surgery, ophthalmology, orthopedics and pain management. The Company's surgical hospitals provide services such as diagnostic imaging, laboratory, obstetrics, oncology, pharmacy, physical therapy and wound care. Ancillary services are comprised of a diagnostic laboratory, multi-specialty physician practices, urgent care facilities, anesthesia services, optical services and specialty pharmacy services.

As of March 31, 2017, the Company owned or operated a portfolio of 104 surgical facilities, comprised of 99 ASCs and five surgical hospitals. The Company owns these facilities in partnership with physicians and, in some cases, healthcare systems in the markets and communities it serves. The Company owned a majority interest in 74 of the surgical facilities and consolidated 94 of these facilities for financial reporting purposes. In addition, the Company owned or operated a network of 56 physician practices.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Principles of Consolidation

The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, as well as interests in partnerships and limited liability companies controlled by the Company through its ownership of a majority voting interest or other rights granted to the Company by contract to manage and control the affiliate's business. All significant intercompany balances and transactions are eliminated in consolidation.

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") for interim financial information. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and notes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for fair presentation of the Company's financial position and results of operations have been included. The Company's fiscal year ends on December 31 and interim results are not necessarily indicative of results for a full year or any other interim period. The condensed consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2016 has been derived from the audited financial statements as of that date. The information contained in these condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Non-Controlling Interests

The physician limited partners and physician minority members of the entities that the Company controls are responsible for the supervision and delivery of medical services. The governance rights of limited partners and minority members are restricted to those that protect their financial interests. Under certain partnership and operating agreements governing these partnerships and limited liability companies, the Company could be removed as the sole general partner or managing member for certain events such as material breach of the partnership or operating agreement, gross negligence or bankruptcy. These protective rights do not preclude consolidation of the respective partnerships and limited liability companies.

Ownership interests in consolidated subsidiaries held by parties other than the Company are identified and generally presented in the condensed consolidated financial statements within the equity section but separate from the Company's equity. However, in instances in which certain redemption features that are not solely within the control of the Company are present, classification of non-controlling interests outside of permanent equity is required. Consolidated net income attributable to the Company and to the non-controlling interests are identified and presented on the condensed consolidated statements of operations; changes in ownership interests in which the Company retains a controlling interest are accounted for as equity transactions assuming the Company continues to consolidate related entities. Certain transactions with non-controlling interests are classified within financing activities in the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows.

The condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company include all assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses of surgical facilities in which the Company has sufficient ownership and rights to allow the Company to consolidate the surgical facilities. Similar to its investments

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in non-consolidated affiliates, the Company regularly engages in the purchase and sale of ownership interests with respect to its consolidated subsidiaries that do not result in a change of control.

Non-Controlling Interests — Redeemable. Each of the partnerships and limited liability companies through which the Company owns and operates its surgical facilities is governed by a partnership or operating agreement. In certain circumstances, the partnership and operating agreements for the Company's surgical facilities provide that the facilities will purchase all of the physicians' ownership if certain adverse regulatory events occur, such as it becoming illegal for the physicians to own an interest in a surgical facility, refer patients to a surgical facility or receive cash distributions from a surgical facility. The non-controlling interests - redeemable are reported outside of stockholders' equity in the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

A summary of activity related to the non-controlling interests—redeemable follows (in thousands):

Balance at December 31, 2016	\$	180,521
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests—redeemable		3,786
Acquisition and disposal of shares of non-controlling interests, net—redeemable		(710)
Distributions to non-controlling interest —redeemable holders		(4,208)
Balance at March 31, 2017	\$	<u>179,389</u>

Variable Interest Entities

The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of variable interest entities in which the Company is the primary beneficiary under the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification Topic ("ASC") 810, *Consolidation*. As of both March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the variable interest entities include five surgical facilities, three anesthesia practices and two physician practices. The Company has the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the variable interest entity's economic performance. Additionally, the Company would absorb the majority of the expected losses of these entities should they occur. As of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the condensed consolidated balance sheets of the Company included total assets of \$96.7 million and \$99.5 million, respectively, and total liabilities of \$12.0 million and \$10.7 million, respectively, related to the Company's variable interest entities.

Equity Method Investments

The Company has non-consolidating investments in surgical facilities and management companies that own or manage surgical facilities. These investments are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. The total amount of these investments included in investments in and advances to affiliates in the condensed consolidated balance sheets was \$35.1 million and \$35.0 million as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the condensed consolidated financial statements and footnotes. Examples include, but are not limited to, estimates of accounts receivable allowances, professional and general liabilities and the estimate of deferred tax assets or liabilities. In the opinion of management, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. All adjustments are of a normal, recurring nature. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged in an orderly transaction between market participants to sell the asset or transfer the liability. The Company uses fair value measurements based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1), inputs other than quoted prices in active markets that are either directly or indirectly observable (Level 2), or unobservable inputs in which little or no market data exists, therefore requiring an entity to develop its own assumptions (Level 3), depending on the nature of the item being valued.

The carrying amounts reported in the condensed consolidated balance sheets for cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, restricted invested assets and accounts payable approximate their fair values.

A summary of the carrying amounts and fair values of the Company's long-term debt follows (in thousands):

	Carrying Amount		Fair Value	
	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
2014 First Lien Credit Agreement, net of debt issuance and discount	\$ 910,584	\$ 911,784	\$ 920,264	\$ 917,528
Senior Unsecured Notes, net of debt issuance and discount	\$ 388,511	\$ 387,942	\$ 409,393	\$ 412,189

The fair values of the 2014 First Lien Credit Agreement and Senior Unsecured Notes, as defined in Note 3 on Long-Term Debt, were based on a Level 2 computation using quoted prices for identical liabilities in inactive markets at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, as applicable. The carrying amounts related to the Company's other long-term debt obligations approximate their fair values.

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The Company maintains a supplemental executive retirement savings plan (the "SERP") for certain executive officers. The SERP is a non-qualified deferred compensation plan for eligible executive officers and other key employees of the Company that allows participants to defer portions of their compensation. The fair value of the SERP asset and liability was based on a quoted market price, or a Level 1 computation. As of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the fair value of the assets in the SERP were \$1.8 million and \$1.7 million, respectively, and were included in other long-term assets in the condensed consolidated balance sheets. The Company had a liability related to the SERP of \$1.8 million and \$1.7 million as of each of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, which was included in other long-term liabilities in the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

Revenues

The Company recognizes revenues in the period in which the services are performed. Patient service revenues and receivables from third-party payors are recorded net of estimated contractual adjustments and allowances, which the Company estimates based on the historical trend of its cash collections and contractual write-offs, accounts receivable agings, established fee schedules, contracts with payors and procedure statistics.

A summary of revenues by service type as a percentage of total revenues follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Patient service revenues:		
Surgical facilities revenues	89.6%	91.3%
Ancillary services revenues	8.8%	6.6%
	<u>98.4%</u>	<u>97.9%</u>
Other service revenues:		
Optical services revenues	1.0%	1.4%
Other	0.6%	0.7%
	<u>1.6%</u>	<u>2.1%</u>
Total revenues	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Patient service revenues. The fee charged for healthcare procedures performed in surgical facilities varies depending on the type of service provided, but usually includes all charges for usage of an operating room, a recovery room, special equipment, medical supplies, nursing staff and medications. The fee does not normally include professional fees charged by the patient's surgeon, anesthesiologist or other attending physician, which are billed directly by such physicians to the patient or third-party payor. However, in several surgical facilities, the Company charges for anesthesia services. Ancillary service revenues include fees for patient visits to the Company's physician practices, pharmacy services and diagnostic tests ordered by physicians. Patient service revenues are recognized on the date of service, net of estimated contractual adjustments and discounts from third-party payors, including Medicare and Medicaid. Changes in estimated contractual adjustments and discounts are recorded in the period of change. During the three months ended March 31, 2017, the Company recognized an increase to patient service revenues as a result of changes in estimates to third-party settlements related to prior years of approximately \$378,000.

The following table sets forth patient service revenues by type of payor and as a percentage of total patient service revenues for the Company's consolidated surgical facilities (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2017		2016	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
Patient service revenues:				
Private insurance	\$ 139,003	49.4%	\$ 132,215	50.5%
Government	116,878	41.5%	105,803	40.5%
Self-pay	6,071	2.2%	3,713	1.4%
Other	19,694	6.9%	19,829	7.6%
Total patient service revenues	<u>\$ 281,646</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 261,560</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Other service revenues:				
Optical service revenues	\$ 2,821		\$ 3,624	
Other revenues	1,716		1,890	
Total net revenues	<u>\$ 286,183</u>		<u>\$ 267,074</u>	

Other service revenues. Optical service revenues consist of product sales from the Company's optical laboratories as well as handling charges billed to the members of the Company's optical products purchasing organization. The Company's optical products purchasing organization negotiates volume buying discounts with optical products manufacturers. The buying discounts and any handling charges billed

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to the members of the buying group represent the revenue recognized for financial reporting purposes. Revenue is recognized as orders are shipped to members. The Company bases its estimates for sales returns and discounts on historical experience and has not experienced significant fluctuations between estimated and actual return activity and discounts given. The Company's optical laboratories manufacture and distribute corrective lenses and eyeglasses to ophthalmologists and optometrists. Revenue is recognized when product is shipped, net of allowance for discounts.

Other revenues include management and administrative service fees derived from the non-consolidated facilities that the Company accounts for under the equity method, management of surgical facilities in which it does not own an interest, and management services provided to physician practices for which the Company is not required to provide capital or additional assets. The fees derived from these management arrangements are based on a predetermined percentage of the revenues of each facility or practice and are recognized in the period in which services are rendered.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. The Company maintains its cash and cash equivalent balances at high credit quality financial institutions.

Accounts Receivable and Allowances for Contractual Adjustments and Doubtful Accounts

Accounts receivable are recorded net of contractual adjustments and allowances for doubtful accounts to reflect accounts receivable at net realizable value. Accounts receivable consists of receivables from federal and state agencies (under the Medicare and Medicaid programs), managed care health plans, commercial insurance companies, employers and patients. Management recognizes that revenues and receivables from government agencies are significant to the Company's operations, but it does not believe that there is significant credit risk associated with these government agencies. Concentration of credit risk with respect to other payors is limited because of the large number of such payors. As of March 31, 2017, the Company had a net third-party Medicaid settlements liability of \$503,000 compared to a net third-party Medicaid settlements receivable of \$454,000 at December 31, 2016.

The Company recognizes that final reimbursement of accounts receivable is subject to final approval by each third-party payor. However, because the Company has contracts with its third-party payors and also verifies insurance coverage of the patient before medical services are rendered, the amounts that are pending approval from third-party payors are not significant. The Company's policy is to collect co-payments and deductibles prior to providing medical services. It is also the Company's policy to verify a patient's insurance 72 hours prior to the patient's procedure. Patient services of the Company are primarily non-emergency, which allows the surgical facilities to control the procedures for which third-party reimbursement is sought and obtained. The Company does not require collateral from self-pay patients.

The Company analyzes accounts receivable at each of its facilities to ensure the proper aged category and collection assessment. At a consolidated level, the Company's policy is to review accounts receivable aging, by facility, to determine the appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts. Patient account balances are reviewed for delinquency based on contractual terms. This review is supported by an analysis of the actual revenues, contractual adjustments and cash collections received. An account balance is written off only after the Company has pursued collection with legal or collection agency assistance or otherwise has deemed an account to be uncollectible.

The receivables related to the Company's optical products purchasing organization are recognized separately from patient accounts receivable, as discussed above, and are included in other current assets in the condensed consolidated balance sheets. Such receivables were \$8.9 million and \$7.0 million at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

Inventories

Inventories, which consist primarily of medical and drug supplies, are stated at the lower of cost or market value. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out method.

Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets

A summary of prepaid expenses and other current assets follows (in thousands):

	<u>March 31, 2017</u>	<u>December 31, 2016</u>
Prepaid expenses	\$ 14,024	\$ 11,158
Receivables - optical product purchasing organization	8,936	7,042
Insurance recoveries	2,315	2,476
Other current assets	10,604	11,338
Total	<u>\$ 35,879</u>	<u>\$ 32,014</u>

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost or, if obtained through acquisition, at fair value determined on the date of acquisition. Depreciation is recognized using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, generally three to five years for computers and software and five to seven years for furniture and equipment. Leasehold improvements are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter

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of the lease term or the estimated useful life of the assets. Routine maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred, while expenditures that increase capacities or extend useful lives are capitalized.

A summary of property and equipment follows (in thousands):

	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Land	\$ 8,082	\$ 8,082
Buildings and improvements	120,443	118,172
Furniture and equipment	14,959	14,670
Computer and software	30,600	29,902
Medical equipment	119,907	117,418
Construction in progress	2,164	2,396
Property and equipment, at cost	296,155	290,640
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(91,486)	(86,387)
Property and equipment, net	\$ 204,669	\$ 204,253

The Company also leases certain facilities and equipment under capital leases. Assets held under capital leases are stated at the present value of minimum lease payments at the inception of the related lease. Such assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the lesser of the lease term or the remaining useful life of the leased asset. The carrying values of assets under capital lease were \$16.4 million and \$15.4 million as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, net of accumulated depreciation of \$11.4 million and \$11.6 million, respectively.

Intangible Assets

The Company has indefinite-lived intangible assets related to the certificates of need held in jurisdictions where certain of its surgical facilities are located. The Company also has finite-lived intangible assets related to physician guarantee agreements, non-compete agreements, management agreements and customer relationships. Physician income guarantees are amortized into salaries and benefits costs in the condensed consolidated statements of operations over the commitment period of the contract, generally three to four years. Non-compete agreements and management rights agreements are amortized into depreciation and amortization expense in the condensed consolidated statements of operations over the service lives of the agreements, ranging from 2 to 20 years for non-compete agreements and 15 years for the management rights agreements. Customer relationships are amortized into depreciation and amortization expense in the condensed consolidated statements of operations over the estimated lives of the relationships, ranging from three to ten years.

A summary of the activity related to intangible assets for the three months ended March 31, 2017 follows (in thousands):

	Physician Income Guarantees	Management Rights	Non-Compete Agreements	Certificates of Need	Customer Relationships	Other	Total Intangible Assets
Balance at December 31, 2016	\$ 813	\$ 21,290	\$ 16,457	\$ 3,780	\$ 3,704	\$ 1,979	\$ 48,023
Additions	175	—	—	14	—	—	189
Recruitment expense	(142)	—	—	—	—	—	(142)
Amortization	—	(433)	(1,414)	—	(275)	(195)	(2,317)
Balance at March 31, 2017	\$ 846	\$ 20,857	\$ 15,043	\$ 3,794	\$ 3,429	\$ 1,784	\$ 45,753

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Goodwill

Goodwill represents the fair value of the consideration provided in an acquisition over the fair value of net assets acquired and is not amortized. Additions to goodwill include amounts resulting from new business combinations and incremental ownership purchases in the Company's subsidiaries.

A summary of activity related to goodwill for the three months ended March 31, 2017 follows (in thousands):

Balance at December 31, 2016	\$ 1,555,204
Acquisitions	11
Purchase price adjustments	1,289
Balance at March 31, 2017	<u>\$ 1,556,504</u>

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets, Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The Company evaluates the carrying value of long-lived assets when impairment indicators are present or when circumstances indicate that impairment may exist in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 350, *Intangibles- Goodwill and Other*. The Company performs an impairment test by preparing an expected undiscounted cash flow projection. If the projection indicates that the recorded amount of the long-lived asset is not expected to be recovered, the carrying value is reduced to estimated fair value. The cash flow projection and fair value represents management's best estimate, using appropriate and customary assumptions, projections and methodologies, at the date of evaluation. The Company tests its goodwill and intangible assets for impairment at least annually, or more frequently if certain indicators arise.

Restricted Invested Assets

Restricted invested assets of \$315,000 as of both March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 were related to a requirement under the operating lease agreement at the Company's Chesterfield, Missouri facility. In accordance with the provisions of the lease agreement, the Company has a deposit with the landlord that shall be held as security for performance under the Company's covenants and obligations within the agreement through January 2024.

Other Long-Term Assets

A summary of other long-term assets follows (in thousands):

	<u>March 31, 2017</u>	<u>December 31, 2016</u>
Notes receivable	\$ 704	\$ 716
Deposits	3,812	4,196
Assets of SERP	1,834	1,725
Debt issuance costs	1,343	1,488
Insurance recoverable	6,835	6,835
Other	1,446	1,475
Total	<u>\$ 15,974</u>	<u>\$ 16,435</u>

Other Current Liabilities

A summary of other current liabilities follows (in thousands):

	<u>March 31, 2017</u>	<u>December 31, 2016</u>
Interest payable	\$ 27,592	\$ 19,206
Current taxes payable	3,104	2,622
Insurance liabilities	6,932	6,625
Third-party settlements	1,137	179
Amounts due to patients and payors	14,636	12,221
Tax receivable agreement liability	999	999
Contingent acquisition compensation liability	6,119	4,589
Other accrued expenses	23,194	22,552
Total	<u>\$ 83,713</u>	<u>\$ 68,993</u>

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Other Long-Term Liabilities

A summary of other long-term liabilities follows (in thousands):

	<u>March 31, 2017</u>	<u>December 31, 2016</u>
Facility lease obligations	\$ 52,284	\$ 52,653
Medical malpractice liability	10,453	10,453
Liability of SERP	1,834	1,725
Unfavorable lease liability	1,590	1,671
Other long-term liabilities	9,728	9,764
Total	<u>\$ 75,889</u>	<u>\$ 76,266</u>

The Company has facility lease obligations in connection with the surgical hospital located in Idaho Falls, Idaho and with a radiation oncology building at this facility. The obligation is payable to the lessor of this facility for the land, building and improvements. The current portion of the lease obligation was \$1.2 million and \$1.1 million at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, and was included in other current liabilities in the condensed consolidated balance sheets. The total of the facility lease obligations related to the surgical hospital and radiation oncology building in Idaho Falls, Idaho was \$49.8 million and \$50.0 million at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

Additionally, the Company has a facility lease obligation in connection with a surgical facility in Ocala, Florida payable to the lessor of this facility for the building. The current portion of the lease obligation was \$185,000 and \$182,000 at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, and was included in other current liabilities in the condensed consolidated balance sheets. The total of the facility lease obligations related to the building in Ocala, Florida was \$3.7 million at both March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

Operating Leases

The Company leases office space and equipment for its surgical facilities, including surgical facilities under development. The lease agreements generally require the lessee, or the Company, to pay all maintenance, property taxes, utilities and insurance costs. The Company accounts for operating lease obligations and sublease income on a straight-line basis. Contingent obligations of the Company, as defined by each lease agreement, are recognized when specific contractual measures have been met, typically the result of an increase in the Consumer Price Index. Lease obligations paid in advance are recorded as prepaid rent and included in prepaid expenses and other current assets on the condensed consolidated balance sheets. The difference between actual lease payments and straight-line lease expense over the initial lease term, excluding optional renewal periods, is recorded as deferred rent and included in other current liabilities and other long-term liabilities on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

Equity-Based Compensation

Transactions in which the Company receives employee and non-employee services in exchange for the Company's equity instruments or liabilities that are based on the fair value of the Company's equity securities or may be settled by the issuance of these securities are accounted for using a fair value method. The Company applies the Black-Scholes-Merton method of valuation in determining share-based compensation expense for option awards.

The Company's policy is to recognize compensation expense using the straight line method over the relevant vesting period for units that vest based on time. In connection with the Reorganization, the Company's board of directors and stockholders adopted the Surgery Partners, Inc. 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan from which the Company's future equity-based awards will be granted.

Professional, General and Workers' Compensation Insurance

The Company maintains general liability and professional liability insurance in excess of self-insured retentions through third party commercial insurance carriers in amounts that management believes is sufficient for the Company's operations, although, potentially, some claims may exceed the scope of coverage in effect. The professional and general insurance coverage is on a claims-made basis. Workers' compensation insurance is on an occurrence basis.

The Company expenses the costs under the self-insured retention exposure for general and professional liability and workers compensation claims which relate to (i) claims made during the policy period, which are offset by insurance recoveries and (ii) an estimate of claims incurred but not yet reported that are expected to be reported after the policy period expires. Reserves and provisions are based upon actuarially determined estimates. The reserves are estimated using individual case-basis valuations and actuarial analysis. Reserves for professional, general and workers' compensation claim liabilities are determined with no regard for expected insurance recoveries and are presented gross on the condensed consolidated balance sheets. Total professional, general and workers' compensation claim liabilities as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 are \$13.5 million and \$13.8 million, respectively. The balance includes expected insurance recoveries of \$9.2 million and \$9.3 million as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

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Income Taxes and Tax Receivable Agreement

The Company uses the asset and liability method to account for income taxes. Under this method, deferred income tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. If a net operating loss carryforward exists, the Company makes a determination as to whether that net operating loss carryforward will be utilized in the future. A valuation allowance is established for certain net operating loss carryforwards when their recoverability is deemed to be uncertain. The carrying value of the net deferred tax assets assumes that the Company will be able to generate sufficient future taxable income in certain tax jurisdictions, based on estimates and assumptions. If these estimates and related assumptions change in the future, the Company may be required to adjust its deferred tax valuation allowances.

The Company, or one or more of its subsidiaries, files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and various state jurisdictions. With few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to U.S. federal income tax examinations for years prior to 2013 or state income tax examinations for years prior to 2012.

As part of the Reorganization that was effective September 30, 2015, the Company entered into a Tax Receivable Agreement (“TRA”) under which generally the Company will be required to pay to its stockholders as of immediately prior to the IPO 85% of the cash savings, if any, in U.S. federal, state or local tax that the Company actually realizes (or is deemed to realize in certain circumstances) as a result of (i) certain tax attributes, including NOLs, capital losses, charitable deductions, alternative minimum tax credit carryforwards and federal and state tax credits of Surgery Partners, Inc. and its affiliates relating to taxable years ending on or before the date of the Reorganization (calculated by assuming the taxable year of the relevant entity closes on the date of the Reorganization) that are or become available to the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries as a result of the Reorganization, and (ii) tax benefits attributable to payments made under the TRA, together with interest accrued at a rate of LIBOR plus 300 basis points from the date the applicable tax return is due (without extension) until paid.

The amounts payable under the TRA will vary depending upon a number of factors, including the amount, character and timing of the taxable income of Surgery Partners, Inc. in the future. The Company estimates the total amounts payable to be approximately \$123.4 million, if the tax benefits of related deferred tax assets are ultimately realized. The amounts payable were recognized during 2015 in conjunction with the release of the Company's valuation allowance recorded against the deferred tax assets.

The Company and its subsidiaries file a consolidated federal income tax return. The partnerships, limited liability companies, and certain non-consolidated physician practice corporations file separate income tax returns. The Company's allocable portion of each partnership's and limited liability company's income or loss is included in taxable income of the Company. The remaining income or loss of each partnership and limited liability company is allocated to the other owners.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2014-09, “*Revenue from Contracts with Customers*,” which outlines a single comprehensive model for recognizing revenue and supersedes most existing revenue recognition guidance, including guidance specific to the healthcare industry. This ASU provides companies the option of applying a full or modified retrospective approach upon adoption. This ASU was originally set to be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, and early adoption was not permitted. In July 2015, the FASB deferred the effective date for the standard to be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. The FASB will now permit companies to early adopt within one year of the new effective date. The Company will adopt this ASU on January 1, 2018 and currently plans to adopt using the full retrospective method. The Company continues to assess the impact of this ASU on its condensed consolidated financial position, results of operations, cash flows and financial disclosures but anticipate the most significant change will be how the estimate for the allowance for doubtful accounts will be recognized under the new standard.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, “*Leases*,” which will require, among other items, lessees to recognize most leases as assets and liabilities on the balance sheet. Qualitative and quantitative disclosures will be enhanced to better understand the amount, timing and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases. This guidance is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods within those fiscal years, with early adoption permitted. The Company believes the primary effect of adopting the new standard will be to record right-of-use assets and obligations for current operating leases.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-07, “*Investments- Equity Method and Joint Ventures*,” which allows investments that now meet equity method treatment that were previously accounted for under a different method to apply the equity method prospectively from the date the investment qualifies for equity method treatment. ASU 2016-07 is effective prospectively for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted. The Company adopted this ASU on January 1, 2017. The adoption of this ASU did not have a material impact on the Company's condensed consolidated financial position, results of operations, cash flows and financial disclosures.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, “*Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments*,” which clarifies the classification of certain cash receipts and cash payments on the statement of cash flows. ASU 2016-15 is effective retrospectively for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact this new guidance may have on the condensed consolidated cash flows.

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In October 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-17, “*Interests Held through Related Parties That Are under Common Control*,” which modifies existing guidance with respect to how a decision maker that holds an indirect interest in a VIE through a common control party determines whether it is the primary beneficiary of the VIE as part of the analysis of whether the VIE would need to be consolidated. Under the ASU, a decision maker would need to consider only its proportionate indirect interest in the VIE held through a common control party. Previous guidance had required the decision maker to treat the common control party’s interest in the VIE as if the decision maker held the interest itself. As a result of the ASU, in certain cases, previous consolidation conclusions may change. ASU 2016-17 is effective prospectively for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within those years. The Company adopted this ASU on January 1, 2017. The adoption of this ASU did not have a material impact on the Company’s condensed consolidated financial position, results of operations, cash flows and financial disclosures.

In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-18, “*Statement of Cash Flows: Restricted Cash*,” which will require the reconciliation of restricted cash in the statement of cash flows. ASU 2016-18 is effective retrospectively for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted. The adoption of this ASU will not have a material impact on the Company’s condensed consolidated cash flows.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-01, “*Business Combinations – Clarifying the Definition of a Business*,” which narrows the definition of a business when evaluating whether transactions should be accounted for as asset acquisition or business combination. ASU 2017-01 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact this new guidance may have on the condensed consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-04, “*Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment*,” which eliminates the requirement to calculate the implied fair value of goodwill (i.e., Step 2 of the current goodwill impairment test) to measure a goodwill impairment charge. Instead, entities will record an impairment charge based on the excess of a reporting unit’s carrying amount over its fair value (i.e., measure the charge based on the current Step 1). ASU 2017-04 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted for annual and interim periods after January 1, 2017. The Company early adopted this ASU on January 1, 2017. The adoption of ASU 2017-04 only impacts the Company’s financial statements in situations where an impairment of a reporting unit’s assets is determined.

3. Long-Term Debt

A summary of long-term debt follows (in thousands):

	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
2014 Revolver Loan	\$ 69,000	\$ 85,000
2014 First Lien Credit Agreement	929,625	932,000
Senior Unsecured Notes	400,000	400,000
Subordinated Notes	1,000	1,000
Notes payable and secured loans	40,808	42,521
Capital lease obligations	14,860	13,996
Less: unamortized debt issuance costs and discount	(30,529)	(32,274)
Total debt	1,424,764	1,442,243
Less: Current maturities	28,722	27,822
Total long-term debt	\$ 1,396,042	\$ 1,414,421

2014 Revolver Loan

The 2014 Revolver Loan (“Revolver”), entered into on November 3, 2014, is a revolving credit facility used for working capital, acquisitions and development activities and general corporate purposes and matures on November 3, 2019. On October 7, 2015, the Company entered into an amendment to the 2014 First Lien Credit Agreement to increase certain lenders’ commitments under the Revolver from \$80.0 million to an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not to exceed \$150.0 million.

The Company has the option of classifying borrowings under the Revolver as either Alternate Base Rate (“ABR”) loans or Eurodollar (“ED”) loans. The interest base rate on an ABR loan is equal to the greatest of (a) the Prime Rate in effect on such day, (b) the Federal Funds Effective Rate in effect on such day plus 0.50% and (c) the adjusted LIBO Rate for a Eurodollar Borrowing with a one-month interest period plus 1.00%. In addition to the base rate, the Company is required to pay a 3.25% margin for ABR loans. The interest base rate on an ED loan is equal to (x) the LIBO Rate for such Eurodollar borrowing in effect for such Interest Period divided by (y) One minus the Statutory Reserves (if any) for such Eurodollar Borrowing for such interest period. In addition to the base rate, the Company is required to pay a 4.25% margin for ED loans. The Company must also pay quarterly commitment fees of 0.50% per annum of the average daily unused amount of the Revolver. As of March 31, 2017, the Company’s availability on the Revolver was \$77.9 million (including outstanding letters of credit of \$3.1 million).

The 2014 First Lien Credit Agreement governs the Revolver and contains various covenants that include limitations on the Company’s indebtedness, liens, acquisitions and investments. It additionally includes the requirement that, if triggered, the Company maintain a net

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leverage ratio within a specified range. As of March 31, 2017, the Company was in compliance with the covenants contained in the 2014 First Lien Credit Agreement.

2014 First Lien Credit Agreement

The 2014 First Lien Credit Agreement ("2014 First Lien"), entered into on November 3, 2014, is a senior secured obligation of Surgery Center Holdings, Inc. and is guaranteed on a senior secured basis by certain subsidiaries of the Company. The 2014 First Lien matures on November 3, 2020. On March 24, 2016, Surgery Center Holdings, Inc. and certain subsidiaries of the Company entered into an amendment to the 2014 First Lien to obtain an incremental term loan in an aggregate principal amount of \$80.0 million, which increased the total term loan obligation under the 2014 First Lien to \$950.0 million. On September 26, 2016, the Company entered into an amendment to the 2014 First Lien to reduce the interest margins for an ABR loan to 2.75% and for an ED loan to 3.75%.

The Company has the option of classifying the 2014 First Lien as either an ABR loan or an ED loan. The interest base rate on an ABR loan is equal to the greatest of (a) the Prime Rate in effect on such day, (b) the Federal Funds Effective Rate in effect on such day plus 0.50%, and (c) the Adjusted LIBO Rate for a Eurodollar Borrowing with a one-month interest period plus 1.00%; provided that the base rate shall not be less than 2.00% per annum. In addition to the base rate, the Company is required to pay a 2.75% margin for ABR loans. The interest base rate on an ED loan is equal to (x) the LIBO Rate for such Eurodollar borrowing in effect for such Interest Period divided by (y) One minus the Statutory Reserves (if any) for such Eurodollar Borrowing for such interest period; provided that the rate shall not be less than 1.00% per annum. In addition to the base rate, the Company is required to pay a 3.75% margin for ED loans. Accrued interest is payable in arrears on a quarterly basis. Within five business days after the earlier of (i) 90 days after the end of each fiscal year or (ii) the date on which financial statements have been delivered, the Company is required to make mandatory prepayments in amounts calculated in accordance with the excess cash flow provisions of the 2014 First Lien Credit Agreement. There were no excess cash flow payments required as of March 31, 2017.

The 2014 First Lien Credit Agreement governs the 2014 First Lien and contains various covenants that include limitations on the Company's indebtedness, liens, acquisitions and investments. As of March 31, 2017, the Company was in compliance with the covenants contained in the 2014 First Lien Credit Agreement. The 2014 First Lien is collateralized by substantially all of the assets of the Company.

2014 Second Lien Credit Agreement

The 2014 Second Lien Credit Agreement ("2014 Second Lien"), entered into on November 3, 2014, was prepaid in full on March 31, 2016 as described below. The 2014 Second Lien was a senior secured obligation of Surgery Center Holdings, Inc. and was guaranteed on a senior secured basis by the Company and certain of its subsidiaries. On March 31, 2016, the Company repaid the remaining principal of the 2014 Second Lien of \$252.8 million with the proceeds of the issuance of the Senior Unsecured Notes, defined below, of which \$1.3 million was accrued interest. In connection with the prepayment, the Company incurred a loss on the extinguishment of debt of \$8.3 million which included the write-off of loan costs and the original issue discount and a prepayment penalty for the three months ended March 31, 2016.

Senior Unsecured Notes

Effective March 31, 2016, one of the Company's subsidiaries, Surgery Center Holdings, Inc., issued \$400.0 million in gross proceeds of senior unsecured notes due April 15, 2021 (the "Senior Unsecured Notes"). The Senior Unsecured Notes bear interest at the rate of 8.875% per year, payable semi-annually on April 15 and October 15 of each year. The Senior Unsecured Notes are a senior unsecured obligation of Surgery Center Holdings, Inc. and are guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by each of Surgery Center Holdings, Inc.'s existing and future domestic wholly owned restricted subsidiaries that guarantees the Revolver and the 2014 First Lien.

The Company may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the Senior Unsecured Notes, at any time before April 15, 2018, with the net cash proceeds of certain equity offerings at a redemption price equal to 108.875% of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of redemption, provided that at least 50% of the aggregate principal amount of the Senior Unsecured Notes remain outstanding immediately after the occurrence of such redemption and such redemption occurs within 180 days of the date of the closing of any such qualified equity offering.

The Company may redeem the Senior Unsecured Notes, in whole or in part, at any time prior to April 15, 2018 at a price equal to 100.000% of the principal amount of the notes redeemed plus an applicable make-whole premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption. The Company may redeem the Senior Unsecured Notes, in whole or in part, at any time on or after April 15, 2018, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption plus a redemption price equal to a percentage of the principal amount of the notes redeemed based on the following redemption schedule:

April 15, 2018 to April 14, 2019	106.656%
April 15, 2019 to April 14, 2020	104.438%
April 15, 2020 and thereafter	100.000%

If one of the Company's subsidiaries, Surgery Center Holdings, Inc., experiences a change in control under certain circumstances, it must offer to purchase the notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of repurchase.

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The Senior Unsecured Notes contain customary affirmative and negative covenants, which among other things, limit the Company's ability to incur additional debt, pay dividends, create or assume liens, effect transactions with its affiliates, guarantee payment of certain debt securities, sell assets, merge, consolidate, enter into acquisitions and effect sale and leaseback transactions.

In connection with the offering of the Senior Unsecured Notes, the Company recorded debt issuance costs of \$8.4 million.

Subordinated Notes

The Company has a subordinated debt facility ("Subordinated Notes") of \$1.0 million. The Subordinated Notes, owed to H.I.G. Surgery Centers, LLC, mature on August 4, 2017 and bear interest of 17.00% per annum.

Notes Payable and Secured Loans

Certain of the Company's subsidiaries have outstanding bank indebtedness, which is collateralized by the real estate and equipment owned by the surgical facilities to which the loans were made. The various bank indebtedness agreements contain covenants to maintain certain financial ratios and also restrict encumbrance of assets, creation of indebtedness, investing activities and payment of distributions. At March 31, 2017, the Company was in compliance with its covenants contained in the credit agreement. The Company and its subsidiaries had notes payable to financial institutions of \$40.8 million and \$42.5 million as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. The Company and its subsidiaries also provide a corporate guarantee of certain indebtedness of the Company's subsidiaries.

Capital Lease Obligations

The Company is liable to various vendors for several equipment leases classified as capital leases. The carrying value of the leased assets was \$16.4 million and \$15.4 million as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

4. Earnings Per Share

Basic and diluted earnings per share are calculated in accordance with ASC 260, *Earnings Per Share*, based on the weighted-average number of shares outstanding in each period and dilutive stock options, unvested shares and warrants, to the extent such securities exist and have a dilutive effect on earnings per share. The following is a reconciliation of the numerator and denominator of basic and diluted earnings per share for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 (in thousands except share and per share amounts):

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Numerator:		
Net loss attributable to Surgery Partners, Inc.	\$ (2,754)	\$ (7,190)
Denominator:		
Weighted average shares outstanding- basic	48,019,652	48,017,226
Effect of dilutive securities ⁽¹⁾	—	—
Weighted average shares outstanding- diluted	48,019,652	48,017,226
Earnings (loss) per share:		
Basic	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.15)
Diluted ⁽¹⁾	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.15)
Dilutive securities outstanding not included in the computation of earnings (loss) per share as their effect is antidilutive:		
Stock options	851	8,488
Restricted shares	132,485	204,437

⁽¹⁾ The impact of potentially dilutive securities for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 was not considered because the effect would be anti-dilutive in those periods.

5. Commitments and Contingencies

Professional, General and Workers' Compensation Liability Risks

The Company is subject to claims and legal actions in the ordinary course of business, including claims relating to patient treatment, employment practices and personal injuries. To cover these claims, the Company maintains general liability and professional liability insurance

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in excess of self-insured retentions through third party commercial insurance carriers in amounts that management believes is sufficient for the Company's operations, although, potentially, some claims may exceed the scope of coverage in effect. The professional and general insurance coverage is on a claims-made basis. Workers' compensation insurance is on an occurrence basis. Plaintiffs in these matters may request punitive or other damages that may not be covered by insurance. The Company is not aware of any such proceedings that would have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition or results of operations.

Laws and Regulations

Laws and regulations governing the Company's business, including those relating to the Medicare and Medicaid programs, are complex and subject to interpretation. These laws and regulations govern every aspect of how the Company's surgical facilities conduct their operations, from licensing requirements to how and whether the Company's facilities may receive payments pursuant to the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Compliance with such laws and regulations can be subject to future government agency review and interpretation as well as legislative changes to such laws. Noncompliance with such laws and regulations may subject the Company to significant regulatory action including fines, penalties, and exclusion from the Medicare, Medicaid and other federal healthcare programs. From time to time, governmental regulatory agencies will conduct inquiries of the Company's practices, including, but not limited to, the Company's compliance with federal and state fraud and abuse laws, billing practices and relationships with physicians. It is the Company's current practice and future intent to cooperate fully with such inquiries. The Company is not aware of any such inquiry that would have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations or financial condition.

Acquired Facilities

The Company, through its wholly-owned subsidiaries or controlled partnerships and limited liability companies, has acquired and will continue to acquire surgical facilities with prior operating histories. Such facilities may have unknown or contingent liabilities, including liabilities for failure to comply with healthcare laws and regulations, such as billing and reimbursement, fraud and abuse and similar anti-referral laws. Although the Company attempts to assure that no such liabilities exist, obtain indemnification from prospective sellers covering such matters and institute policies designed to conform centers to its standards following completion of acquisitions, there can be no assurance that the Company will not become liable for past activities that may later be asserted to be improper by private plaintiffs or government agencies. There can be no assurance that any such matter will be covered by indemnification or, if covered, that the liability sustained will not exceed contractual limits or the financial capacity of the indemnifying party.

The Company cannot predict whether federal or state statutory or regulatory provisions will be enacted that would prohibit or otherwise regulate relationships which the Company has established or may establish with other healthcare providers or have materially adverse effects on its business or revenues arising from such future actions. Management believes, however, that it will be able to adjust the Company's operations so as to be in compliance with any statutory or regulatory provision as may be applicable.

Potential Physician Investor Liability

A majority of the physician investors in the partnerships and limited liability companies which operate the Company's surgical facilities carry general and professional liability insurance on a claims-made basis. Each partnership or limited liability company may, however, be liable for damages to persons or property arising from occurrences at the surgical facilities. Although the various physician investors and other surgeons generally are required to obtain general and professional liability insurance with tail coverage that extends beyond the period of any claims-made policies, such individuals may not be able to obtain coverage in amounts sufficient to cover all potential liability. Since most insurance policies contain exclusions, the physician investors will not be insured against all possible occurrences. In the event of an uninsured or underinsured loss, the value of an investment in the partnership interests or limited liability company membership units and the amount of distributions could be adversely affected.

Contingent Consideration

Pursuant to a purchase agreement dated December 24, 2009 ("the Purchase Agreement"), the Company acquired controlling interests in 36 business entities in various Florida locations which operate freestanding ASCs and provided anesthesia and pain management services ("the 2009 Acquisition"). The Purchase Agreement provided for maximum potential contingent consideration of up to \$10.0 million based on operating results subsequent to the acquisition for the period from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010. Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, the contingent consideration is payable as principal under a Subordinated Promissory Note, the form of which was delivered concurrent with the Purchase Agreement. The balance has remained outstanding due to ongoing litigation as a result of a civil claim. The Company has made indemnification claims against the Seller exceeding the amount of the contingent consideration liability, which the Company has a contractual right of offset against. Based on a court order in December 2016, the Company removed the contingent consideration liability on its consolidated balance sheets at December 31, 2016. On April 20, 2017, a settlement was reached between the two parties resulting in the Company receiving \$3.9 million of which \$2.7 million is to come from the escrow funds set up at the time of purchase and \$1.2 million is to come from the seller. The Company expects to record the settlement during the second quarter.

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6. Segment Reporting

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The Company operates in three major lines of business that are also the Company's reportable operating segments - the operation of surgical facilities, the operation of optical services and the operation of ancillary services, which includes physician practices, a diagnostic laboratory and a specialty pharmacy.

During 2016, the Company reassessed its segment reporting and realigned the disclosures to reflect the review and decision making made by the CODM. The purpose of these changes was to replace operating income with adjusted EBITDA as the primary profit/loss metric reviewed by the CODM in making key business decisions and on allocation of resources. The Company has revised the segment disclosures below to replace operating income with adjusted EBITDA and has provided a reconciliation from adjusted EBITDA back to net income in the reported condensed consolidated financial information. These changes had no effect on the Company's reportable segments, which are presented consistent with prior periods.

The following tables present financial information for each reportable segment (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Revenues:		
Surgical facility services	\$ 258,149	\$ 245,670
Ancillary services	25,212	17,780
Optical services	2,822	3,624
Total revenues	<u>\$ 286,183</u>	<u>\$ 267,074</u>
Segment Adjusted EBITDA:		
Surgical facility services	\$ 48,241	\$ 45,661
Ancillary services	3,782	3,500
Optical services	776	879
Total segment adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	<u>\$ 52,799</u>	<u>\$ 50,040</u>
General and administrative expenses	\$ (15,541)	\$ (12,197)
Non-cash stock compensation expense	634	133
Contingent acquisition compensation expense	2,033	—
Acquisition related costs	182	450
Total adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	<u>40,107</u>	<u>38,426</u>
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests	17,176	17,547
Depreciation and amortization	(11,108)	(9,568)
Interest and other expense, net	(25,182)	(22,153)
Income tax expense	(2,117)	(1,770)
Non-cash stock compensation expense	(634)	(133)
Contingent acquisition compensation expense	(2,033)	—
Merger transaction, integration and practice acquisition costs ⁽²⁾	(591)	(3,917)
(Loss) gain on disposal or impairment of long-lived assets, net	(1,196)	206
Loss on debt refinancing	—	(8,281)
Total net income	<u>\$ 14,422</u>	<u>\$ 10,357</u>

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When the Company uses the term "Adjusted EBITDA," it is referring to net income minus (a) net income attributable to non-controlling interests plus (b) depreciation and amortization, (c) interest and other expense, net, (d) income tax expense, (e) non-cash stock compensation expense, (f) contingent acquisition compensation expense, (g) merger transaction, integration and practice acquisition costs, (h) (loss) gain on disposal or impairment of long-lived assets and (i) loss on debt refinancing. Non-controlling interests represent the interests of third parties, such as physicians, and in some cases, healthcare systems that own an interest in surgical facilities that the

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Company consolidates for financial reporting purposes. Our operating strategy is to apply a market-based approach in structuring its partnerships with individual market dynamics driving the structure. The Company believes that it is helpful to investors to present Adjusted EBITDA as defined above because it excludes the portion of net income attributable to these third-party interests and clarifies for investors the Company's portion of Adjusted EBITDA generated by its surgical facilities and other operations.

The Company uses Adjusted EBITDA as a measure of liquidity. It is included because the Company believes that it provides investors with additional information about its ability to incur and service debt and make capital expenditures.

Adjusted EBITDA is not a measurement of financial performance or liquidity under GAAP. It should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for net income, operating income, cash flows from operating, investing or financing activities, or any other measure calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The items excluded from Adjusted EBITDA are significant components in understanding and evaluating financial performance and liquidity. The Company's calculation of Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

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	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Assets:		
Surgical facility services	\$ 1,904,858	\$ 1,914,842
Ancillary services	187,499	184,002
Optical services	23,884	22,478
Total	2,116,241	2,121,322
General and administrative	\$ 173,492	\$ 183,636
Total assets	\$ 2,289,733	\$ 2,304,958
Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2017	2016
Supplemental Information:		
Cash purchases of property and equipment, net:		
Surgical facility services	\$ 4,417	\$ 9,815
Ancillary services	1,511	560
Optical services	18	77
Total	\$ 5,946	\$ 10,452
General and administrative	\$ 404	\$ 1,352
Total cash purchases of property and equipment, net	\$ 6,350	\$ 11,804

7. Subsequent Events

On April 20, 2017, a settlement was reached in connection with the litigation discussed above in Note 5, "Contingent Consideration". The Company expects to record a gain on litigation settlement of \$3.9 million during the second quarter.

On May 9, 2017, the Company entered into a series of transactions, including (i) an agreement and plan of merger (the "Merger Agreement") to acquire NSH Holdco, Inc. ("NSH"), an owner and operator of surgical facilities, for approximately \$760 million, (ii) an agreement to issue up to 320,000 shares of the Company's preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to be created out of the authorized and unissued shares of preferred stock of the Company, designated as 10.00% Series A Convertible Perpetual Participating Preferred Stock, to BCPE Seminole Holdings LP (the "Investor") and (iii) an agreement pursuant to which the Company's controlling stockholder, H.I.G. Surgery Centers, LLC ("H.I.G."), will sell all of its 26,455,651 shares of common stock of the Company to the Investor at a purchase price per share of \$19.00. Following the consummation of the transactions described above, NSH will be an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and the Investor will be the controlling stockholder of the Company.

Also on May 9, 2017, in connection with these transactions, the Company and H.I.G., in its capacity as the Stockholders Representative, agreed to amend that certain Income Tax Receivable Agreement, dated September 30, 2015, by and between the Company, H.I.G. (in its capacity as the Stockholders Representative) and the other parties referred to therein, to provide for a fixed payment schedule pursuant thereto. The amounts payable are related to the projected tax savings to be realized by the Company over the next five years and are not dependent on actual tax savings.

Additional information will be included in Item 1.01, "Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement" of a Current Report on Form 8-K describing the transactions.

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

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this report and included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016. This discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ materially from those estimated or projected in any of these forward-looking statements. Unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires, references herein to the "Company", "Surgery Partners", "we", "us" and "our" refer to, (i) Surgery Center Holdings, LLC and its consolidated subsidiaries, including Surgery Center Holdings, Inc., immediately prior to the Reorganization and (ii) Surgery Partners, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries, including Surgery Center Holdings, LLC and Surgery Center Holdings, Inc., immediately following the Reorganization. Unless the context implies otherwise, the term "affiliates" means direct and indirect subsidiaries of Surgery Center Holdings, LLC and Surgery Partners, Inc., as applicable, and partnerships and joint ventures in which such subsidiaries are partners. The terms "facilities" or "hospitals" refer to entities owned and operated by affiliates of Surgery Partners, and the term "employees" refers to employees of affiliates of Surgery Partners.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains forward-looking statements, which are based on our current expectations, estimates and assumptions about future events. All statements other than statements of current or historical fact contained in this report, including statements regarding our future financial position, business strategy, budgets, effective tax rate, projected costs and plans and objectives of management for future operations, are forward-looking statements. The words "anticipate," "believe," "continue," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "will," and similar expressions are generally intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to differ from the expectations expressed in the statements. Many of these factors are beyond our ability to control or predict. These factors include, without limitation: (i) reductions in payments from government healthcare programs and managed care organizations; (ii) inability to contract with private third-party payors; (iii) changes in our payor mix or surgical case mix; (iv) failure to maintain relationships with our physicians; (v) payor controls designed to reduce the number of surgical procedures; (vi) inability to integrate operations of acquired surgical facilities, attract new physician partners, or acquire additional surgical facilities; (vii) shortages or quality control issues with surgery-related products, equipment and medical supplies; (viii) competition for physicians, nurses, strategic relationships, acquisitions and managed care contracts; (ix) inability to enforce non-compete restrictions against our physicians; (x) material liabilities incurred as a result of acquiring surgical facilities; (xi) litigation or medical malpractice claims; (xii) changes in the regulatory, economic and other conditions of the states where our surgical facilities are located; (xiii) substantial payments we expect to be required to make under the tax receivable agreement; and (xiv) other risks and uncertainties described in this report and set forth under the heading "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 10, 2017.

In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking events and circumstances discussed in this report may not occur, and actual results could differ materially from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements. When you consider these forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind these risk factors and other cautionary statements in this report.

These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made. Other than as required by law, we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Executive Overview

As of May 10, 2017, we owned and operated a national network of surgical facilities, physician practices and a suite of ancillary services in 29 states. Our surgical facilities, which include ASCs and surgical hospitals, primarily provide non-emergency surgical procedures across many specialties, including, among others, gastroenterology ("GI"), general surgery, ophthalmology, orthopedics and pain management. Our surgical hospitals provide services, such as diagnostic imaging, laboratory, obstetrics, oncology, pharmacy, physical therapy and wound care. Our portfolio of outpatient surgical facilities is complemented by our suite of ancillary services, which support our physicians in providing high quality and cost-efficient patient care. These ancillary services are comprised of a diagnostic laboratory, multi-specialty physician practices, urgent care facilities, anesthesia services, optical services and specialty pharmacy services. As a result, we believe we are well positioned to benefit from rising consumerism and payors' and patients' focus on the delivery of high quality care and superior clinical outcomes in the lowest cost and care setting.

As of May 10, 2017, we owned or operated, primarily in partnership with physicians, a portfolio of 103 surgical facilities comprised of 98 ASCs and five surgical hospitals across 29 states. We owned a majority interest in 73 of the surgical facilities and consolidated 93 of these facilities for financial reporting purposes. In addition to surgical facilities, we owned or operated a network of 56 physician practices as of May 10, 2017. For the three months ended March 31, 2017, approximately 109,000 surgical procedures were performed in our surgical facilities, generating approximately \$258.1 million in revenue.

Revenues

Our revenues consist of patient service revenues and other service revenues. Patient service revenues consist of revenue from our surgical facility services and ancillary services segments. Specifically, patient service revenues include fees for surgical or diagnostic procedures performed at surgical facilities that we consolidate for financial reporting purposes, as well as for patient visits to our physician practices, anesthesia services, pharmacy services and diagnostic screens ordered by our physicians. Other service revenues consist of product sales from our optical laboratories, as well as the discounts and handling charges billed to the members of our optical products

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purchasing organization. Other service revenues also include management and administrative service fees derived from our non-consolidated facilities that we account for under the equity method, management of surgical facilities and physician practices in which we do not own an interest and management services we provide to physician practices for which we are not required to provide capital or additional assets.

The following table summarizes our revenues by service type as a percentage of total revenues for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Patient service revenues:		
Surgical facilities revenues	89.6%	91.3%
Ancillary services revenues	8.8%	6.6%
	<u>98.4%</u>	<u>97.9%</u>
Other service revenues:		
Optical services revenues	1.0%	1.4%
Other	0.6%	0.7%
	<u>1.6%</u>	<u>2.1%</u>
Total revenues	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Payor Mix

The following table sets forth by type of payor the percentage of our patient service revenues generated at the surgical facilities which we consolidate for financial reporting purposes in the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Private insurance payors	49.4%	50.5%
Government payors	41.5%	40.5%
Self-pay payors	2.2%	1.4%
Other payors ⁽¹⁾	6.9%	7.6%
Total	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

(1) Other is comprised of anesthesia service agreements, auto liability, letters of protection and other payor types.

Surgical Case Mix

We primarily operate multi-specialty surgical facilities where physicians perform a variety of procedures in various specialties, including GI, general surgery, ophthalmology, orthopedics and pain management, among others. We believe this diversification helps to protect us from adverse pricing and utilization trends in any individual procedure type and results in greater consistency in our case volume.

The following table sets forth the percentage of cases in each specialty performed at the surgical facilities which we consolidate for financial reporting purposes for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Gastrointestinal	23.0%	21.5%
General surgery	2.3%	2.5%
Ophthalmology	28.4%	29.7%
Orthopedic and pain management	33.8%	31.8%
Other	12.5%	14.5%
Total	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

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Case Growth*Same-facility Information*

Same-facility revenue includes revenues from our consolidated and non-consolidated surgical facilities (excluding facilities acquired in new markets or divested during the current and prior year) along with the revenues from our ancillary services comprised of a diagnostic laboratory, multi-specialty physician practices, urgent care facilities, anesthesia services, optical services and specialty pharmacy services that complement our surgical facilities in our existing markets.

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2017		2016	
Cases	\$	107,733	\$	105,502
Case growth		2.1%		N/A
Revenue per case	\$	2,688	\$	2,546
Revenue per case growth		5.6%		N/A
Number of facilities		93		N/A

Operating Income Margin

Our operating income margin for the three months ended March 31, 2017 increased to 14.6% from 12.8% during the three months ended March 31, 2016. During the three months ended March 31, 2017, we recorded merger transaction and integration costs related to acquisitions of \$337,000, contingent acquisition compensation expense of \$2.0 million and a loss on disposal of long-lived assets of \$1.2 million. Excluding the impact of these items, our operating income margin was 15.8% for the three months ended March 31, 2017.

During the three months ended March 31, 2016, we recorded a loss on debt refinancing of \$8.3 million, \$3.2 million of merger transaction and integration costs related to acquisitions and a gain on disposal of long-lived assets of \$206,000. Excluding the impact of these items, our operating income margin was 17.0% for the three months ended March 31, 2016. The decrease in the adjusted operating income margin period over period is primarily related to an increase in supplies due to performing higher acuity procedures.

Segment Information

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Our business is comprised of the following three reportable segments:

Surgical Facility Services Segment: Our surgical facility services segment consists of the operation of ASCs and surgical hospitals, and includes our anesthesia services. Our surgical facilities primarily provide non-emergency surgical procedures across many specialties, including, among others, GI, general surgery, ophthalmology, orthopedics and pain management.

Ancillary Services Segment: Our ancillary services segment consists of a diagnostic laboratory, a specialty pharmacy and multi-specialty physician practices. These physician practices include our owned and operated physician practices pursuant to long-term management service agreements.

Optical Services Segment: Our optical services segment consists of an optical laboratory and an optical products group purchasing organization. Our optical laboratory manufactures eyewear, while our optical products purchasing organization negotiates volume buying discounts with optical product manufacturers.

Our financial information by reportable segment is prepared on an internal management reporting basis that the chief operating decision maker uses to allocate resources and assess the performance of the operating segments. Our operating segments have been defined based on the separate financial information that is regularly produced and reviewed by our CODM, which is our Chief Executive Officer.

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Critical Accounting Policies

Our significant accounting policies and practices are described in Note 2 of our condensed consolidated financial statements included previously in this report. In preparing our condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"), our management must make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and related disclosures at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their complexity and the possibility that future events affecting them may differ materially from our current judgments and estimates. Our actual results could differ from those estimates. We believe that the following critical accounting policies are important to the portrayal of our financial condition and results of operations and require our management's subjective or complex judgment because of the sensitivity of the methods, assumptions and estimates used. This listing of critical accounting policies is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all of our accounting policies. In many cases, the accounting treatment of a particular transaction is specifically dictated by GAAP, with no need for management's judgment regarding accounting policy.

Consolidation and Control

Our condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of our Company, wholly-owned or controlled subsidiaries and variable interest entities in which we are the primary beneficiary. Our controlled subsidiaries consist of wholly-owned subsidiaries and other subsidiaries that we control through our ownership of a majority voting interest or other rights granted to us by contract to function as the sole general partner or managing member of the surgical facility. The rights of limited partners or minority members at our controlled subsidiaries are generally limited to those that protect their ownership interests, including the right to approve the issuance of new ownership interests, and those that protect their financial interests, including the right to approve the acquisition or divestiture of significant assets or the incurrence of debt that either physician limited partners or minority members are required to guarantee on a pro-rata basis based upon their respective ownership, or that exceeds 20.0% of the fair market value of the related surgical facility's assets. All significant intercompany balances and transactions, including management fees from consolidated surgical facilities, are eliminated in consolidation.

We hold less than a majority economic interest in five surgical facilities, three anesthesia practices and two physician practices over which we exercise controlling influence. Controlling influence includes financial interests, duties, rights and responsibilities for the day-to-day management of the entity. We also consider the relevant sections of the Accounting Standard Codification ("ASC") 810, *Consolidation*, to determine if we have the power to direct the activities and are the primary beneficiary of (and therefore should consolidate) any entity whose operations we do not control with voting rights. As we were the primary beneficiary, we consolidated the above ten entities at March 31, 2017.

Revenue Recognition

Our patient service revenues are derived from surgical procedures performed at our ASCs, patient visits to physician practices, anesthesia services provided to patients, pharmacy services and diagnostic screens ordered by our physicians. The fees for such services are

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billed either to the patient or a third-party payor, including Medicare and Medicaid. We recognize patient service revenues, net of contractual allowances, which we estimate based on the historical trend of our cash collections and contractual write-offs.

Our optical products purchasing organization negotiates volume buying discounts with optical product manufacturers. The buying discounts and any handling charges billed to the members of the purchasing organization represent the revenues recognized for financial reporting purposes. Revenue is recognized as orders are shipped to members. Product sale revenues from our optical laboratories and marketing products and services businesses, net of an allowance for returns and discounts, is recognized when the product is shipped or service is provided to the customer. We base our estimates for sales returns and discounts on historical experience and have not experienced significant fluctuations between estimated and actual return activity and discounts given.

Other service revenues consist of management and administrative service fees derived from non-consolidated surgical facilities that we account for under the equity method, management of surgical facilities in which we do not own an interest and management services we provide to physician networks for which we are not required to provide capital or additional assets. The fees we derive from these management arrangements are based on a predetermined percentage of the revenues of each surgical facility and physician network. We recognize other service revenues in the period in which services are rendered.

Allowance for Contractual Adjustments and Doubtful Accounts

Our patient service revenues and other receivables from third-party payors are recorded net of estimated contractual adjustments and allowances from third-party payors, which we estimate based on the historical trend of our surgical facilities' cash collections and contractual write-offs, accounts receivable agings, established fee schedules, relationships with payors and procedure statistics. While changes in estimated reimbursement from third-party payors remain a possibility, we expect that any such changes would be minimal and, therefore, would not have a material effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

We estimate our allowances for doubtful accounts using similar information and analysis. While we believe that our allowances for contractual adjustments and doubtful accounts are adequate, if the actual write-offs are significantly different from our estimates, it could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. Because in most cases we have the ability to verify a patient's insurance coverage before services are rendered, and because we have entered into contracts with third-party payors which account for a majority of our total revenues, the out-of-period contractual adjustments have been minimal. Our net accounts receivable reflected allowances for doubtful accounts of \$30.0 million and \$29.9 million at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

Our collection policies and procedures are based on the type of payor, size of claim and estimated collection percentage for each patient account. The operating systems used to manage our patient accounts provide for an aging schedule in 30-day increments, by payor, physician and patient. We analyze accounts receivable at each of our surgical facilities to ensure the proper collection and aged category. The operating systems generate reports that assist in the collection efforts by prioritizing patient accounts. Collection efforts include direct contact with insurance carriers or patients, written correspondence and the use of legal or collection agency assistance, as required. Our days sales outstanding were 70 days for both the three months ended March 31, 2017 and the year ended December 31, 2016.

At a consolidated level, we review the standard aging schedule, by facility, to determine the appropriate provision for doubtful accounts by monitoring changes in our consolidated accounts receivable by aged schedule, days sales outstanding and bad debt expense as a percentage of revenues. At a consolidated level, we do not review a consolidated aging by payor. Regional and local employees review each surgical facility's aged accounts receivable by payor schedule. These employees have a closer relationship with the payors and have a more thorough understanding of the collection process for that particular surgical facility. Furthermore, this review is supported by an analysis of the actual revenues, contractual adjustments and cash collections received. If our internal collection efforts are unsuccessful, we further review patient accounts with balances of \$25 or more. We then classify the accounts based on any external collection efforts we deem appropriate. An account is written-off only after we have pursued collection with legal or collection agency assistance or otherwise deemed an account to be uncollectible. Typically, accounts will be outstanding a minimum of 120 days before being written-off.

We recognize that final reimbursement of outstanding accounts receivable is subject to final approval by each third-party payor. However, because we have contracts with our third-party payors and we verify the insurance coverage of the patient before services are rendered, the amounts that are pending approval from third-party payors are minimal. Amounts are classified outside of self-pay if we have an agreement with the third-party payor or we have verified a patient's coverage prior to services rendered. It is our policy to collect co-payments and deductibles prior to providing services. It is also our policy to verify a patient's insurance 72 hours prior to the patient's procedure. Because our services are primarily non-emergency, our surgical facilities have the ability to control these procedures. Our patient service revenues from self-pay payors as a percentage of total revenues were approximately 2.1% and 1.4% for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Income Taxes and Tax Receivable Agreement

We use the asset and liability method to account for income taxes. Under this method, deferred income tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. If a net operating loss carryforward exists, we make a determination as to whether that net operating loss carryforward will be utilized in the future. A valuation allowance will be established for certain net operating loss carryforwards and other deferred tax assets where their recoverability is deemed to be uncertain. The carrying value of the net deferred tax assets is based upon estimates and assumptions related to our ability to generate

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sufficient future taxable income in certain tax jurisdictions. If these estimates and related assumptions change in the future, we will be required to adjust our deferred tax valuation allowances.

As of March 31, 2017, we maintained a valuation allowance against certain state NOLs and capital losses for which we believe it is more likely than not that they will not be realized. On a quarterly basis, we continue to monitor results. If our expectations for future operating results on a consolidated basis or at the state jurisdiction level vary from actual results due to changes in healthcare regulations, general economic conditions, or other factors, we may need to adjust the valuation allowance, for all or a portion of our deferred tax assets. Our income tax expense in future periods will be reduced or increased to the extent of offsetting decreases or increases, respectively, in our valuation allowance in the period when the change in circumstances occurs. These changes could have a significant impact on our future earnings.

For the three months ended March 31, 2017, we recorded income tax expense at a rate of approximately 12.8% of income before income taxes. As a percentage of income before income taxes, we expect the tax rate to remain relatively constant throughout the year. As a percentage of net income after income attributable to non-controlling interests, we expect the tax rate for the year to be between 41% and 42%. Based upon the application of interim accounting guidance, however, the tax rate as a percentage of net income after income attributable to non-controlling interests will vary based upon the relative net income from period to period.

Section 382 ("Section 382") of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") imposes an annual limit on the ability of a corporation that undergoes an "ownership change" to use its NOLs to reduce its tax liability. An "ownership change" is generally defined as any change in ownership of more than 50.0% of a corporation's "stock" by its "5-percent shareholders" (as defined in Section 382) over a rolling three-year period based upon each of those shareholder's lowest percentage of stock owned during such period. As a result of the Symbion acquisition, approximately \$179 million in NOL carryforwards are subject to an annual Section 382 base limitation of \$4.9 million, and, as a result of the Novamed acquisition, approximately \$17 million in NOL carryforwards are subject to an annual Section 382 base limitation of \$4.9 million. It is possible that future transactions, not all of which would be within our control (including a possible sale by the investment funds affiliated with H.I.G. of some or all of their shares of our common stock), could cause us to undergo an ownership change as defined in Section 382. In that event, we would not be able to use our pre-ownership-change NOLs in excess of the limitation imposed by Section 382. At this time, we do not believe these limitations, when combined with amounts allowable due to net unrecognized built in gains, will affect our ability to use any NOLs before they expire. However, no such assurances can be provided. If our ability to utilize our NOLs to offset taxable income generated in the future is subject to this limitation, it could have an adverse effect on our business, prospects, results of operations and financial condition.

As part of the Reorganization that was effective September 30, 2015, we entered into a Tax Receivable Agreement ("TRA") under which generally we will be required to pay to our stockholders as of immediately prior to the IPO 85% of the cash savings, if any, in U.S. federal, state or local tax that we actually realize (or are deemed to realize in certain circumstances) as a result of (i) certain tax attributes, including NOLs, capital losses, charitable deductions, alternative minimum tax credit carryforwards and federal and state tax credits of Surgery Partners, Inc. and its affiliates relating to taxable years ending on or before the date of the Reorganization (calculated by assuming the taxable year of the relevant entity closes on the date of the Reorganization) that are or become available to us and our wholly-owned subsidiaries as a result of the Reorganization, and (ii) tax benefits attributable to payments made under the TRA, together with interest accrued at a rate of LIBOR plus 300 from the date the applicable tax return is due (without extension) until paid.

The amounts payable under the TRA will vary depending upon a number of factors, including the amount, character and timing of the taxable income of Surgery Partners, Inc. in the future. We estimate the total amounts payable under the TRA to be approximately \$123.4 million as of both March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, if the tax benefits of related deferred tax assets are ultimately realized.

Long-Lived Assets, Goodwill and Intangible Assets

We evaluate the carrying value of long-lived assets when impairment indicators are present or when circumstances indicate that impairment may exist in accordance with ASC 350, *Intangibles- Goodwill and Other*. We perform an impairment test by preparing an expected undiscounted cash flow projection. If the projection indicates that the recorded amount of the long-lived asset is not expected to be recovered, the carrying value is reduced to estimated fair value. The cash flow projection and fair value represents management's best estimate, using appropriate and customary assumptions, projections and methodologies, at the date of evaluation. We test our goodwill and intangible assets for impairment at least annually, or more frequently if certain indicators arise.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

From time to time, we guarantee our pro-rata share of the third-party debts and other obligations of many of the non-consolidated partnerships and limited liability companies in which we own an interest. In most instances of these guarantees, the physicians and/or physician groups have also guaranteed their pro-rata share of the indebtedness to secure the financing. At March 31, 2017, we did not guarantee any debt of our non-consolidated surgical facilities.

Equity-Based Compensation

We recognize in the financial statements the cost of employee services received in exchange for awards of equity instruments based on the fair value of those awards. Prior to the Reorganization, on the grant date, we employed a market approach to estimate the fair value of equity-based awards based on various considerations and assumptions, including implied earnings multiples and other metrics of relevant market participants, our operating results and forecasted cash flows and our capital structure. Such estimates require the input of highly subjective, complex assumptions. However, such assumptions are not required to determine fair value of shares of our common stock as

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our underlying shares are now publicly traded. The fair value of future stock options awarded will be based on the quoted market price of our common stock upon grant, as well as assumptions including expected stock price volatility, risk-free interest rate, expected dividends, and expected term.

Our policy is to recognize compensation expense using the straight line method over the relevant vesting period for units that vest based on time. Our equity-based compensation expense can vary in the future depending on many factors, including levels of forfeitures and whether performance targets are met and whether a liquidity event occurs. In connection with the Reorganization, our board of directors and stockholders adopted the Surgery Partners, Inc. 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan from which our future equity-based awards will be granted.

Results of Operations

The following tables summarize certain results from the statements of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016. The tables also show the percentage relationship to revenues for the periods indicated (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2017		2016	
	Amount	% of Revenues	Amount	% of Revenues
Revenues	\$ 286,183	100.0 %	\$ 267,074	100.0 %
Operating expenses:				
Cost of revenues	211,948	74.1 %	196,703	73.7 %
General and administrative expenses (includes contingent acquisition compensation expense of \$2,033 for the quarter ended March 31, 2017)	15,541	5.4 %	12,197	4.6 %
Depreciation and amortization	11,108	3.9 %	9,568	3.6 %
Provision for doubtful accounts	5,675	2.0 %	3,873	1.5 %
Income from equity investments	(1,200)	(0.4)%	(758)	(0.3)%
Loss (gain) on disposal or impairment of long-lived assets, net	1,196	0.4 %	(206)	(0.1)%
Loss on debt refinancing	—	— %	8,281	3.1 %
Merger transaction and integration costs	337	0.1 %	3,172	1.2 %
Electronic health records incentive income	(141)	— %	(93)	— %
Other income	(2)	— %	57	— %
Total operating expenses	244,462	85.4 %	232,794	87.2 %
Operating income	41,721	14.6 %	34,280	12.8 %
Interest expense, net	(25,182)	(8.8)%	(22,153)	(8.3)%
Income before income taxes	16,539	5.8 %	12,127	4.5 %
Income tax expense	2,117	0.7 %	1,770	0.7 %
Net income	14,422	5.0 %	10,357	3.9 %
Less: Net income attributable to non-controlling interests	(17,176)	(6.0)%	(17,547)	(6.6)%
Net loss attributable to Surgery Partners, Inc.	\$ (2,754)	(1.0)%	\$ (7,190)	(2.7)%

Three Months Ended March 31, 2017 Compared to Three Months Ended March 31, 2016

Overview. During the three months ended March 31, 2017, our revenues increased 7.2% to \$286.2 million from \$267.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016. We incurred a net loss attributable to Surgery Partners, Inc. for the 2017 period of \$2.8 million, compared to \$7.2 million for the 2016 period.

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Revenues. Revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2017 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2016 were as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Dollar Variance	Percent Variance
	2017	2016		
Patient service revenues	\$ 281,645	\$ 261,560	\$ 20,085	7.7 %
Optical service revenues	2,822	3,624	(802)	(22.1)%
Other service revenues	1,716	1,890	(174)	(9.2)%
Total revenues	<u>\$ 286,183</u>	<u>\$ 267,074</u>	<u>\$ 19,109</u>	<u>7.2 %</u>

Patient service revenues increased 7.7% to \$281.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 compared to \$261.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016. This increase in patient service revenues was primarily attributable to the integration of acquisitions completed after March 31, 2016.

Cost of Revenues. Cost of revenues increased to \$211.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 compared to \$196.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 primarily attributable to the integration of acquisitions completed after March 31, 2016. As a percentage of revenues, cost of revenues were 74.1% for the 2017 period and 73.7% for the 2016 period.

General and Administrative Expenses. General and administrative expenses increased to \$15.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 compared to \$12.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 primarily due to the contingent acquisition compensation expense of \$2.0 million. As a percentage of revenues, general and administrative expenses were 5.4% for the 2017 period compared to 4.6% for the 2016 period.

Depreciation and Amortization. Depreciation and amortization increased to \$11.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 compared to \$9.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016. As a percentage of revenues, depreciation and amortization expenses were 3.9% for the 2017 period and 3.6% for the 2016 period.

Provision for Doubtful Accounts. The provision for doubtful accounts increased to \$5.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 compared to \$3.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016. As a percentage of revenues, the provision for doubtful accounts was 2.0% for the 2017 period and 1.5% for the 2016 period.

Income from Equity Investments. The income from equity investments was \$1.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 compared to \$758,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2016.

Loss (Gain) on Disposal or Impairment of Long-Lived Assets, Net. The net loss on disposal of long-lived assets was \$1.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 compared to a net gain of \$206,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2016.

Loss on Debt Refinancing. We incurred a loss on debt refinancing of \$8.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 in connection with the paydown of the 2014 Second Lien, defined herein, and the write-off of the related debt issuance costs and discount in addition to a prepayment penalty.

Merger Transaction and Integration Costs. We incurred \$337,000 of merger transaction and integration costs for the three months ended March 31, 2017 compared to \$3.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, related to the integration of our acquisitions.

Operating Income. Our operating income margin for the three months ended March 31, 2017 increased to 14.6% from 12.8% during the three months ended March 31, 2016. During the three months ended March 31, 2017, we recorded merger transaction and integration costs related to acquisitions of \$337,000, contingent acquisition compensation expense of \$2.0 million and a loss on disposal of long-lived assets of \$1.2 million. Excluding the impact of these items, our operating income margin was 15.8% for the three months ended March 31, 2017.

During the three months ended March 31, 2016, we recorded a loss on debt refinancing of \$8.3 million, \$3.2 million of merger transaction and integration costs related to acquisitions and a gain on disposal of long-lived assets of \$206,000. Excluding the impact of these items, our operating income margin was 17.0% for the three months ended March 31, 2016. The decrease in the adjusted operating income margin period over period is primarily related to an increase in supplies due to performing higher acuity procedures.

Interest Expense, Net. Interest expense, net, was \$25.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 compared to \$22.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016. This increase was due to the debt refinancing in the 2016 period with the incremental loan on the First Lien and the issuance of the \$400 million Senior Unsecured Notes.

Income Tax Expense. The income tax expense was \$2.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 compared to \$1.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016. The effective tax rate was 12.8% for the three months ended March 31, 2017 compared to 14.6% for the three months ended March 31, 2016. As a percentage of net income after income attributable to non-controlling interests, we expect

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the tax rate for the year to be between 41% and 42%. Based upon the application of interim accounting guidance, however, the tax rate as a percentage of net income after income attributable to non-controlling interests will vary based upon the relative net income from period to period.

Net Income Attributable to Non-Controlling Interests. Net income attributable to non-controlling interests decreased to \$17.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 compared to \$17.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016. As a percentage of revenues, net income attributable to non-controlling interests was 6.0% in the 2017 period and 6.6% for the 2016 period.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Operating Activities

The primary source of our operating cash flow is the collection of accounts receivable from federal and state agencies (under the Medicare and Medicaid programs), managed care health plans, commercial insurance companies and individuals. During the three months ended March 31, 2017, our cash flow provided by operating activities increased to \$34.9 million compared to \$25.2 million in the three months ended March 31, 2016. This increase was primarily related to the growth from acquisition activity occurring subsequent to the 2016 period. At March 31, 2017, we had working capital of \$153.6 million compared to \$175.2 million at December 31, 2016.

Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities during the three months ended March 31, 2017 was \$6.6 million, which included \$6.4 million related to purchases of property and equipment. Additionally, we purchased one surgical facility that was merged with an existing facility for an aggregate purchase price of \$275,000.

Net cash used in investing activities during the three months ended March 31, 2016 was \$18.9 million, which included \$11.8 million related to purchases of property and equipment. Additionally, we purchased one surgical facility that was merged into an existing facility and two physician practices for an aggregate purchase price of \$7.0 million (net of cash acquired).

Financing Activities

Net cash used in financing activities during the three months ended March 31, 2017 was \$42.0 million. During this period, we made distributions to non-controlling interest holders of \$19.3 million and received cash related to ownership transactions with consolidated affiliates of \$154,000. Further, we made repayments on our long-term debt of \$45.5 million partially offset by borrowings of \$23.6 million. Our repayments and borrowings include a \$22.0 million draw down and subsequent repayment of \$38.0 million on our Revolver during the period.

Net cash provided by financing activities during the three months ended March 31, 2016 was \$70.7 million. During this period, we made distributions to non-controlling interest holders of \$17.5 million and receipts related to ownership transactions with consolidated affiliates of \$94,000. We made scheduled repayments on our long-term debt of \$396.1 million which were offset by cash inflows from debt borrowings of \$501.3 million. In addition, we paid debt issuance costs and the original issue discount of \$11.9 million and a prepayment penalty on the payoff of the 2014 Second Lien of \$4.9 million.

Long-Term Debt

A summary of long-term debt follows (in thousands):

	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
2014 Revolver Loan	\$ 69,000	\$ 85,000
2014 First Lien Credit Agreement	929,625	932,000
Senior Unsecured Notes	400,000	400,000
Subordinated Notes	1,000	1,000
Notes payable and secured loans	40,808	42,521
Capital lease obligations	14,860	13,996
Less: unamortized debt issuance costs and discount	(30,529)	(32,274)
Total debt	1,424,764	1,442,243
Less: Current maturities	28,722	27,822
Total long-term debt	\$ 1,396,042	\$ 1,414,421

2014 Revolver Loan

The 2014 Revolver Loan ("Revolver"), entered into on November 3, 2014, is a revolving credit facility used for working capital, acquisitions and development activities and general corporate purposes and matures on November 3, 2019. On October 7, 2015, we entered

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into an amendment to the 2014 First Lien Credit Agreement to increase certain lenders' commitments under the Revolver from \$80.0 million to an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not to exceed \$150.0 million.

We have the option of classifying borrowings under the Revolver as either Alternate Base Rate ("ABR") loans or Eurodollar ("ED") loans. The interest base rate on an ABR loan is equal to the greatest of (a) the Prime Rate in effect on such day, (b) the Federal Funds Effective Rate in effect on such day plus 0.50% and (c) the adjusted LIBO Rate for a Eurodollar Borrowing with a one-month interest period plus 1.00%. In addition to the base rate, we are required to pay a 3.25% margin for ABR loans. The interest base rate on an ED loan is equal to (x) the LIBO Rate for such Eurodollar borrowing in effect for such Interest Period divided by (y) One minus the Statutory Reserves (if any) for such Eurodollar Borrowing for such interest period. In addition to the base rate, we are required to pay a 4.25% margin for ED loans. We must also pay quarterly commitment fees of 0.50% per annum of the average daily unused amount of the Revolver. As of March 31, 2017, our availability on the Revolver was \$77.9 million (including outstanding letters of credit of \$3.1 million).

The 2014 First Lien Credit Agreement governs the Revolver and contains various covenants that include limitations on our indebtedness, liens, acquisitions and investments. It additionally includes the requirement, if triggered, that we maintain a net leverage ratio within a specified range. As of March 31, 2017, we were in compliance with the covenants contained in the 2014 First Lien Credit Agreement.

2014 First Lien Credit Agreement

The 2014 First Lien Credit Agreement ("2014 First Lien"), entered into on November 3, 2014, is a senior secured obligation of Surgery Center Holdings, Inc. and is guaranteed on a senior secured basis by SP Holdco I, Inc. and certain of our subsidiaries. The 2014 First Lien matures on November 3, 2020. On March 24, 2016, Surgery Center Holdings, Inc. and certain of our subsidiaries entered into an amendment to the 2014 First Lien to obtain an incremental term loan in an aggregate principal amount of \$80.0 million, which increased the total term loan obligation under the 2014 First Lien to \$950.0 million. On September 26, 2016, we entered into an amendment to the 2014 First Lien to reduce the interest margins for an ABR loan to 2.75% and for an ED loan to 3.75%.

We have the option of classifying the 2014 First Lien as either an ABR loan or an ED loan. The interest base rate on an ABR loan is equal to the greatest of (a) the Prime Rate in effect on such day, (b) the Federal Funds Effective Rate in effect on such day plus 0.50%, and (c) the Adjusted LIBO Rate for a Eurodollar Borrowing with a one-month interest period plus 1.00%; provided that the base rate shall not be less than 2.00% per annum. In addition to the base rate, we are required to pay a 2.75% margin for ABR loans. The interest base rate on an ED loan is equal to (x) the LIBO Rate for such Eurodollar borrowing in effect for such Interest Period divided by (y) One minus the Statutory Reserves (if any) for such Eurodollar Borrowing for such interest period; provided that the rate shall not be less than 1.00% per annum. In addition to the base rate, we are required to pay a 3.75% margin for ED loans. Accrued interest is payable in arrears on a quarterly basis. Within five business days after the earlier of (i) 90 days after the end of each fiscal year or (ii) the date on which financial statements have been delivered, we are required to make mandatory prepayments in amounts calculated in accordance with the excess cash flow provisions of the 2014 First Lien Credit Agreement. There were no excess cash flow payments required as of March 31, 2017.

In connection with the incremental loan of \$80.0 million in March 2016, we recorded an additional \$1.6 million and \$3.5 million as original issue discount and amounts paid to lender for debt related issuance costs, respectively.

The 2014 First Lien Credit Agreement that governs the 2014 First Lien and contains various covenants that include limitations on our indebtedness, liens, acquisitions and investments. As of March 31, 2017, we were in compliance with the covenants contained in the credit agreement. The 2014 First Lien is collateralized by substantially all of our assets.

2014 Second Lien Credit Agreement

The 2014 Second Lien Credit Agreement ("2014 Second Lien"), entered into on November 3, 2014, was prepaid in full on March 31, 2016 as described below. The 2014 Second Lien was a senior secured obligation of Surgery Center Holdings, Inc. and was guaranteed on a senior secured basis by us and certain of our subsidiaries. On March 31, 2016, we repaid the remaining principal of the 2014 Second Lien of \$252.8 million with the proceeds of the issuance of the Senior Unsecured Notes, defined below, of which \$1.3 million was accrued interest. In connection with the prepayment, we incurred a loss on the extinguishment of debt of \$8.3 million which included the write-off of loan costs and the original issue discount and a prepayment penalty for the three months ended March 31, 2016.

Senior Unsecured Notes

Effective March 31, 2016, one of our subsidiaries, Surgery Center Holdings, Inc., issued \$400.0 million in gross proceeds of senior unsecured notes due April 15, 2021 (the "Senior Unsecured Notes"). The Senior Unsecured Notes bear interest at the rate of 8.875% per year, payable semi-annually on April 15 and October 15 of each year. The Senior Unsecured Notes are a senior unsecured obligation of Surgery Center Holdings, Inc. and are guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by each of Surgery Center Holdings, Inc.'s existing and future domestic wholly owned restricted subsidiaries that guarantees the Revolver and the 2014 First Lien.

We may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the Senior Unsecured Notes, at any time before April 15, 2018, with the net cash proceeds of certain equity offerings at a redemption price equal to 108.875% of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of redemption, provided that at least 50% of the aggregate principal amount of the Senior Unsecured Notes remain outstanding immediately after the occurrence of such redemption and such redemption occurs within 180 days of the date of the closing of any such qualified equity offering.

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We may redeem the Senior Unsecured Notes, in whole or in part, at any time prior to April 15, 2018 at a price equal to 100.000% of the principal amount of the notes redeemed plus an applicable make-whole premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption. We may redeem the Senior Unsecured Notes, in whole or in part, at any time on or after April 15, 2018, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption plus a redemption price equal to a percentage of the principal amount of the notes redeemed based on the following redemption schedule:

April 15, 2018 to April 14, 2019	106.656%
April 15, 2019 to April 14, 2020	104.438%
April 15, 2020 and thereafter	100.000%

If one of our subsidiaries, Surgery Center Holdings, Inc., experience a change in control under certain circumstances, we must offer to purchase the notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of repurchase.

The Senior Unsecured Notes contain customary affirmative and negative covenants, which among other things, limit our ability to incur additional debt, pay dividends, create or assume liens, effect transactions with its affiliates, guarantee payment of certain debt securities, sell assets, merge, consolidate, enter into acquisitions and effect sale and leaseback transactions.

In connection with the offering of the Senior Unsecured Notes, we incurred debt issuance costs of \$8.4 million.

Subordinated Notes

We have a subordinated debt facility ("Subordinated Notes") of \$1.0 million. The Subordinated Notes, owed to H.I.G. Surgery Centers, LLC, mature on August 4, 2017 and bear interest of 17.00% per annum.

Notes Payable and Secured Loans

Certain of our subsidiaries have outstanding bank indebtedness, which is collateralized by the real estate and equipment owned by the surgical facilities to which the loans were made. The various bank indebtedness agreements contain covenants to maintain certain financial ratios and also restrict encumbrance of assets, creation of indebtedness, investing activities and payment of distributions. At March 31, 2017, we were in compliance with the covenants contained in the credit agreement. We and our subsidiaries had notes payable to financial institutions of \$40.8 million and \$42.5 million as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. We and our subsidiaries also provide a corporate guarantee of certain indebtedness of our subsidiaries.

Capital Lease Obligations

We are liable to various vendors for several equipment leases. The carrying value of the leased assets was \$16.4 million and \$15.4 million as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

Summary

Based on our current level of operations, we believe cash flow from operations and available cash, together with available borrowings under the Revolver, will be adequate to meet our short-term (12 months or less) and longer-term (less than five years) liquidity needs.

EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Credit Agreement EBITDA

When we use the term "EBITDA," we are referring to net income minus (a) net income attributable to non-controlling interests plus (b) income tax expense, (c) interest expense, net, and (d) depreciation and amortization. Non-controlling interests represent the interests of third parties, such as physicians, and in some cases, healthcare systems that own an interest in surgical facilities that we consolidate for financial reporting purposes. Our operating strategy is to apply a market-based approach in structuring our partnerships with individual market dynamics driving the structure. We believe that it is helpful to investors to present EBITDA as defined above because it excludes the portion of net income attributable to these third-party interests and clarifies for investors our portion of EBITDA generated by our surgical facilities and other operations.

We use EBITDA as a measure of liquidity. We have included it because we believe that it provides investors with additional information about our ability to incur and service debt and make capital expenditures. When we use the term "Adjusted EBITDA", we are referring to EBITDA, as defined above, adjusted for (a) merger transaction, integration and practice acquisition costs, (b) non-cash stock compensation expense, (c) loss on debt refinancing, (d) contingent acquisition compensation expense, and (e) loss (gain) on disposal of investments and long-lived assets.

We use "Credit Agreement EBITDA" to determine our compliance under certain covenants pursuant to our credit facilities. When we use the term "Credit Agreement EBITDA," we are referring to Adjusted EBITDA, as defined above, further adjusted for (a) synergies, (b) acquisitions, (c) non-cash expenses and (d) de novo start-up losses. These adjustments do not relate to our historical financial performance and instead relate to estimates compiled by our management and calculated in conformance with the definition of "Consolidated EBITDA" used in the credit agreements governing our credit facilities.

EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, Credit Agreement EBITDA are not measurements of financial performance or liquidity under GAAP. They should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for net income, operating income, cash flows from operating, investing or financing activities, or any other measure calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The items excluded from EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Credit Agreement EBITDA are significant components in understanding and evaluating financial performance and liquidity. Our calculation of EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Credit Agreement EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

The following table reconciles EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA to net income (in thousands and unaudited):

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations Data (in thousands):		
Net income	\$ 14,422	\$ 10,357
<i>(Minus):</i>		
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests	17,176	17,547
<i>Plus (minus):</i>		
Income tax expense	2,117	1,770
Interest expense, net	25,182	22,153
Depreciation and amortization	11,108	9,568
EBITDA	35,653	26,301

<i>Plus:</i>		
Merger transaction, integration and practice acquisition costs	591	3,917
Non-cash stock compensation expense	634	133
Loss on debt refinancing	—	8,281
Contingent acquisition compensation expense	2,033	—
Gain on litigation settlement	—	—
Loss (gain) on disposal or impairment of long-lived assets, net	1,196	(206)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 40,107	\$ 38,426

The following table reconciles EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Credit Agreement EBITDA to net income (in thousands and unaudited):

	Twelve Months Ended March 31, 2017	
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations Data (in thousands):		
Net income	\$	92,491
<i>(Minus):</i>		
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests		75,259
<i>Plus (minus):</i>		
Income tax benefit		7,954
Interest expense, net		103,600
Depreciation and amortization		41,091
EBITDA		169,877
<i>Plus:</i>		
Merger transaction, integration and practice acquisition costs		8,291
Tax receivable agreement		3,733
Non-cash stock compensation expense		2,522
Loss on debt refinancing		3,595
Contingent acquisition compensation expense		7,125
Gain on litigation settlement		(17,956)
Gain on disposal of investments and long-lived assets, net		3,757
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	180,944
<i>Plus:</i>		
Acquisitions ⁽¹⁾		33,607
Non-cash expenses		1,596
De novo start-up losses ⁽²⁾		552
Credit Agreement EBITDA		216,699

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(1): Represents impact of acquired anesthesia entities, physician practices and surgical facilities as if each acquisition had occurred on April 1, 2016 including cost savings from reductions in corporate overhead, supply chain rationalization, enhanced physician engagement, improved payor contracting and revenue synergies associated with rolling out our suite of ancillary services throughout both the acquired entities and Symbion portfolio. Further, this includes revenue synergies from other business initiatives as defined in the Credit Agreement.

(2): Relates to the losses associated with de novo in-market physician practices opened during the last twelve months.

Inflation

Inflation and changing prices have not significantly affected our operating results or the markets in which we operate.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, "*Revenue from Contracts with Customers*," which outlines a single comprehensive model for recognizing revenue and supersedes most existing revenue recognition guidance, including guidance specific to the healthcare industry. This ASU provides companies the option of applying a full or modified retrospective approach upon adoption. This ASU was originally set to be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, and early adoption was not permitted. In July 2015, the FASB deferred the effective date for the standard to be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. The FASB will now permit companies to early adopt within one year of the new effective date. We will adopt this ASU on January 1, 2018 and currently plan to adopt using the full retrospective method. We continue to assess the impact of this ASU on our consolidated financial position, results of operations, cash flows and financial disclosures but anticipate the most significant change will be how the estimate for the allowance for doubtful accounts will be recognized under the new standard.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, "*Leases*," which will require, among other items, lessees to recognize most leases as assets and liabilities on the balance sheet. Qualitative and quantitative disclosures will be enhanced to better understand the amount, timing and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases. This guidance is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods within those fiscal years, with early adoption permitted. We believe the primary effect of adopting the new standard will be to record right-of-use assets and obligations for current operating leases.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-07, "*Investments- Equity Method and Joint Ventures*," which allows investments that now meet equity method treatment and were previously accounted for under a different method to apply the equity method prospectively from the date the investment qualifies for equity method treatment. ASU 2016-07 is effective prospectively for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted. We adopted this ASU on January 1, 2017. The adoption of this ASU did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations, cash flows and financial disclosures.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, "*Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments*," which clarifies the classification of certain cash receipts and cash payments on the statement of cash flows. ASU 2016-15 is effective retrospectively for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact this new guidance may have on the consolidated cash flows.

In October 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-17, "*Interests Held through Related Parties That Are under Common Control*," which modifies existing guidance with respect to how a decision maker that holds an indirect interest in a VIE through a common control party determines whether it is the primary beneficiary of the VIE as part of the analysis of whether the VIE would need to be consolidated. Under the ASU, a decision maker would need to consider only its proportionate indirect interest in the VIE held through a common control party. Previous guidance had required the decision maker to treat the common control party's interest in the VIE as if the decision maker held the interest itself. As a result of the ASU, in certain cases, previous consolidation conclusions may change. ASU 2016-17 is effective prospectively for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within those years. We adopted this ASU on January 1, 2017. The adoption of this ASU did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations, cash flows and financial disclosures.

In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-18, "*Statement of Cash Flows: Restricted Cash*," which will require the reconciliation of restricted cash in the statement of cash flows. ASU 2016-18 is effective retrospectively for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted. The adoption of this ASU will not have a material impact on our consolidated cash flows.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-01, "*Business Combinations – Clarifying the Definition of a Business*," which narrows the definition of a business when evaluating whether transactions should be accounted for as asset acquisition or business combination. ASU 2017-01 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact this new guidance may have on the consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-04, "*Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment*," which eliminates the requirement to calculate the implied fair value of goodwill (i.e., Step 2 of the current goodwill impairment test) to measure a goodwill impairment charge. Instead, entities will record an impairment charge based on the excess of a reporting unit's carrying amount over its fair value (i.e., measure the charge based on the current Step 1). ASU 2017-04 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted for annual and interim periods after January 1, 2017. We early adopted this ASU on

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January 1, 2017. The adoption of ASU 2017-04 only impacts our financial statements in situations where an impairment of a reporting unit's assets is determined.

Sources of Revenue and Recent Regulatory Developments

General

The healthcare industry is highly regulated, and we cannot provide any assurance that the regulatory environment in which we operate will not significantly change in the future or that we will be able to successfully address any such changes.

Every state imposes licensing requirements on individual physicians and healthcare facilities. In addition, federal and state laws regulate HMOs and other managed care organizations. Many states require regulatory approval, including licensure and accreditation, and in some cases, certificates of need, before establishing certain types of healthcare facilities, including surgical hospitals and ASCs, offering certain services, including the services we offer, or making expenditures in excess of certain amounts for healthcare equipment, facilities or programs. Our ability to operate profitably will depend in part upon our surgical facilities obtaining and maintaining all necessary licenses, accreditation, certificates of need and other approvals and operating in compliance with applicable healthcare regulations. Failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Our surgical facilities are subject to federal, state and local laws dealing with issues such as occupational safety, employment, medical leave, insurance regulations, civil rights, discrimination, building codes and medical waste and other environmental issues. Federal, state and local governments are expanding the regulatory requirements on businesses like ours. The imposition of these regulatory requirements may have the effect of increasing operating costs and reducing the profitability of our operations.

We believe that hospital, outpatient surgery, physician, laboratory and other diagnostic and healthcare services will continue to be subject to intense regulation at the federal and state levels. We are unable to predict what additional government regulations, if any, affecting our business may be enacted in the future or how existing or future laws and regulations might be interpreted. If we, or any of our surgical facilities, fail to comply with applicable laws, it might have a material adverse effect on our business.

Certificates of Need and Licensure

Capital expenditures for the construction of new healthcare facilities, the addition of beds or new healthcare services or the acquisition of existing healthcare facilities may be reviewable by state regulators under statutory schemes that are sometimes referred to as certificate of need laws. States with certificate of need laws place limits on the construction and acquisition of healthcare facilities and the expansion of existing facilities and services. In these states, approvals, generally known as certificates of need, are required for capital expenditures exceeding certain preset monetary thresholds for the development, acquisition and/or expansion of certain facilities or services, including surgical facilities. We have a concentration of surgical facilities in certificate of need states as we believe the regulations present a competitive advantage to existing operators.

Our healthcare facilities also are subject to state licensing requirements for medical providers. Our ASCs have licenses to operate in the states in which they operate and must meet all applicable requirements for ASCs. In addition, even though our surgical facilities that are licensed as hospitals primarily provide surgical services, they must meet all applicable requirements for general hospital licensure. To assure continued compliance with these regulations, governmental and other authorities periodically inspect our surgical facilities. The failure to comply with these regulations could result in the suspension or revocation of a facility's license. In addition, based on the specific operations of our surgical facilities, some of these facilities maintain a pharmacy license, a controlled substance registration, a clinical laboratory certification waiver, and environmental protection permits for biohazards and/or radioactive materials, as required by applicable law.

Healthcare Reform

The Affordable Care Act has been subject to a number of challenges to its constitutionality. On June 28, 2012, the United States Supreme Court upheld challenges to the constitutionality of the "individual mandate" provision, which generally requires all individuals to purchase healthcare insurance or pay a penalty, but struck down as unconstitutional the provision that would have allowed the federal government to revoke all federal Medicaid funding to any state that did not expand its Medicaid program. As a result, many states have refused to extend Medicaid eligibility to more individuals as envisioned by the law.

On June 25, 2015, the United States Supreme Court upheld the legality of premium subsidies made available by the federal government to individuals residing in the 36 states that have federally-run health insurance exchanges. The subsidies are provided to low-income individuals to assist with the cost of purchasing health insurance through federally-run health insurance exchanges. Other legal challenges to the Affordable Care Act are pending.

Initiatives to repeal the Affordable Care Act, in whole or in part, to delay elements of implementation or funding, and to offer amendments or supplements to modify its provisions have been persistent and have increased as a result of the 2016 election. The ultimate outcomes of legislative attempts to repeal or amend the Affordable Care Act and legal challenges to the Affordable Care Act are unknown. On May 4, 2017, the House of Representatives passed the American Health Care Act, which, if ultimately enacted into law in its current form, would repeal substantial portions of the Affordable Care Act, including the individual mandate. The American Health Care Act would replace means-tested insurance premium subsidies with age-adjusted tax credits and permit insurers to impose a surcharge up to 30 percent on individuals who go uninsured for more than two months and then purchase coverage. The American Health Care Act would also limit federal funding available for the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion and transition federal Medicaid funding to a per-capita cap

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basis. It remains unclear whether the American Health Care Act will be further amended or enacted. Any such future repeal or replacement of the Affordable Care Act, including the American Health Care Act, may have significant impact on the reimbursement for healthcare services generally, and may create reimbursement for services competing with the services offered by the Company. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the adoption of any future federal or state healthcare reform legislation will not have a negative financial impact on the Company.

Moreover, other legislative changes have also been proposed and adopted since the Affordable Care Act was enacted. On August 2, 2011, the Budget Control Act of 2011, among other things, created measures for spending reductions by Congress. A Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, tasked with recommending a targeted deficit reduction of at least \$1.2 trillion for the years 2013 through 2021, was unable to reach required goals, thereby triggering the legislation's automatic reduction to several government programs. This included aggregate reductions to Medicare payments to providers of 2% per fiscal year, which went into effect on April 1, 2013 and, due to subsequent legislative amendments, will remain in effect through 2025 unless additional Congressional action is taken. On January 2, 2013, President Obama signed into law the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, which, among other things, further reduced Medicare payments to several providers, including hospitals, and increased the statute of limitations period for the government to recover overpayments to providers from three to five years. These and other similar new laws may result in additional reductions in Medicare and other health care funding, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial operations.

Medicare and Medicaid Private Contractor Audits

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") has implemented a number of programs that use private contractors that contract with CMS to identify overpayments and underpayments and other potential sources of billing fraud. These contractors, known as Recovery Audit Contractors ("RACs") and Zone Program Integrity Contractors ("ZPICs") conduct both post-payment and pre-payment review of claims submitted by Medicare providers. In addition, CMS employs Medicaid Integrity Contractors ("MICs") to perform post-payment audits of Medicaid claims and identify overpayments. Our facilities and providers continue to receive letters from auditors such as RACs and ZPICs requesting repayment of alleged overpayments for services and incur expenses associated with responding to and appealing these determinations, as well as the costs of repaying any overpayments. Moreover, in recent years, the increase in Medicare payment appeals has created a backlog such that resolving appeals often takes multiple years.

For instance, we recently received the results of a MIC audit that resulted in an overpayment obligation. HMS Federal Solutions, a MIC, completed the audit of one of our surgical hospitals for the period July 1, 2009 through May 31, 2012 and determined an overpayment obligation in the amount of approximately \$4.6 million based on its extrapolation of a statistical sampling of claims, as well as a civil monetary penalty in the amount of \$162,000, for a total amount owed to Idaho's Department of Health and Welfare, Medicaid Program Integrity Unit of approximately \$4.7 million for failure to comply with Medicaid rules by billing for (i) non-covered services, (ii) services provided by non-eligible providers, (iii) services not provided and (iv) unauthorized services. We have appealed the audit and are currently awaiting the result.

Although all other repayments requested to date as a result of RAC, MIC and ZPIC audits have not been material to our Company, we are unable to quantify the aggregate financial impact of these audits on our facilities given the pending appeals and uncertainty about the extent of future audits.

Quality Improvement

The Medicare program presently requires hospitals and ASCs to report performance data on a variety of quality metrics. Facilities that fail to report are penalized with reduced Medicare payments. Additionally, payments to hospitals are adjusted based on the hospital's performance on these quality measures. A substantial portion of hospital payment is at risk depending on its individual performance relative to benchmarks and other hospitals' performance. There is a substantial risk that our Medicare payments could be reduced if our hospitals fail to perform adequately on these measures. Additionally, there is a risk that Medicare payments could be reduced if our facilities-hospitals and ASCs fail to adequately report data as required by CMS. ASC payments are not yet adjusted based on performance against quality measures, but there is a substantial risk that Congress may soon link ASC Medicare payments to actual performance, in addition to reporting.

If the public performance data becomes a primary factor in determining where patients choose to receive care, and if competing hospitals and ASCs have better results than our facilities on those measures, we would expect that our patient volumes could decline.

Medicare and Medicaid Participation

The majority of our revenue is expected to continue to be received from third-party payors, including federal and state programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid, and commercial payors. To participate in the Medicare program and receive Medicare payment, our surgical facilities must comply with regulations promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS"). Among other things, these regulations, known as "conditions for coverage" or "conditions of participation," impose numerous requirements on our facilities, their equipment, their personnel and their standards of medical care, as well as compliance with all applicable state and local laws and regulations. On April 26, 2007, CMS issued a policy memorandum that reaffirmed its prior interpretation of its conditions of participation that all hospitals (other than critical access hospitals) participating in the Medicare program are required to provide basic emergency care interventions regardless of whether or not the hospital maintains an emergency department. Our five facilities licensed as hospitals are required to meet this requirement to maintain their participating provider status in the Medicare program. As of March 31, 2017, two of our hospitals, which do not have an emergency room, maintain a protocol for the transfer of patients requiring emergency treatment, which protocol may be interpreted as inconsistent with the 2007 CMS policy memorandum. Our surgical facilities must also satisfy the conditions

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of participation to be eligible to participate in the various state Medicaid programs. The requirements for certification under Medicare and Medicaid are subject to change and, in order to remain qualified for these programs, we may have to make changes from time to time in our facilities, equipment, personnel or services. Although we intend to continue to participate in these reimbursement programs, we cannot assure you that our surgical facilities will continue to qualify for participation.

The Affordable Care Act and its implementing regulations require a hospital to provide written disclosure of physician ownership interests to the hospital's patients and on the hospital's website and in any advertising, along with annual reports to the government detailing such interests. Additionally, hospitals that do not have 24/7 physician coverage are required to inform patients of this fact and receive signed acknowledgment from the patients of the disclosure. A hospital's provider agreement may be terminated if it fails to provide the required notices. In 2010, CMS issued a "self-referral disclosure protocol" for hospitals and other providers that wish to self-disclose potential violations of the Stark Law to CMS and to attempt to resolve those potential violations and any related overpayment liabilities at levels below the maximum penalties and amounts set forth in the statute. The disclosure requirements set forth in the Affordable Care Act and the self-referral disclosure protocol reflect a move towards increasing government scrutiny of the financial relationships between hospitals and referring physicians and increasing disclosure of potential violations of the Stark Law to the government by hospitals and other healthcare providers. We intend for all of our facilities to meet their disclosure obligations.

Survey and Accreditation

Hospitals and healthcare facilities are subject to periodic inspection by federal, state and local authorities to determine their compliance with applicable regulations and requirements necessary for licensing, certification and accreditation. All of our hospitals and surgical facilities currently are licensed under appropriate state laws and are qualified to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Renewal and continuation of certain of these licenses, certifications and accreditations are based on inspections or other reviews generally conducted in the normal course of business of health facilities. Loss of, or limitations imposed on, licenses or accreditations could reduce a facility's utilization or revenue, or its ability to operate all or a portion of its facilities.

Utilization Review

Federal law contains numerous provisions designed to ensure that services rendered by hospitals to Medicare and Medicaid patients meet professionally recognized standards and are medically necessary and that claims for reimbursement are properly filed. These provisions include a requirement that a sampling of admissions of Medicare and Medicaid patients must be reviewed by quality improvement organizations, which review the appropriateness of Medicare and Medicaid patient admissions and discharges, the quality of care provided, the validity of MS-DRG classifications and the appropriateness of cases of extraordinary length of stay or cost. Quality improvement organizations may deny payment for services provided or assess fines and also have the authority to recommend to HHS that a provider which is in substantial noncompliance with the standards of the quality improvement organization be excluded from participation in the Medicare program. Utilization review is also a requirement of most non-governmental managed care organizations.

Federal Anti-Kickback Statute and Medicare Fraud and Abuse Laws

The Social Security Act includes provisions addressing false statements, illegal remuneration and other instances of fraud and abuse in federal health care programs. These provisions include the statute commonly known as the federal Anti-Kickback statute (the "Anti-Kickback Statute"). The Anti-Kickback Statute prohibits providers and others from, among other things, soliciting, receiving, offering or paying, directly or indirectly, any remuneration in return for either making a referral for, or ordering or arranging for, or recommending the order of, any item or service covered by a federal healthcare program, including, but not limited to, the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Violations of the Anti-Kickback Statute are criminal offenses punishable by imprisonment and fines of up to \$25,000 for each violation. Civil violations are punishable by fines of up to \$50,000 for each violation, as well as damages of up to three times the total amount of remuneration received from the government for healthcare claims.

Because physician-investors in our surgical facilities are in a position to generate referrals to the facilities, the distribution of available cash to those investors could come under scrutiny under the Anti-Kickback Statute. Some courts have held that the Anti-Kickback Statute is violated if one purpose (as opposed to a primary or the sole purpose) of a payment to a provider is to induce referrals. Further, Section 6402(f)(2) of the Affordable Care Act amends the Anti-Kickback Statute by adding a provision to clarify that a person need not have actual knowledge of such section or specific intent to commit a violation of the Anti-Kickback Statute. Because none of these cases involved a joint venture such as those owning and operating our surgical facilities, it is not clear how a court would apply these holdings to our activities. It is clear, however, that a physician's investment income from a surgical facility may not vary with the number of his or her referrals to the surgical facility, and we believe that we comply with this prohibition.

Under regulations issued by the Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the "OIG"), certain categories of activities are deemed not to violate the Anti-Kickback Statute (commonly referred to as the safe harbors). According to the preamble to these safe harbor regulations, the failure of a particular business arrangement to comply with the regulations does not determine whether the arrangement violates the Anti-Kickback Statute. The safe harbor regulations do not make conduct illegal, but instead outline standards that, if complied with, protect conduct that might otherwise be deemed in violation of the Anti-Kickback Statute. Failure to meet a safe harbor does not indicate that the arrangement violates the Anti-Kickback Statute, although it may be subject to additional scrutiny.

We believe the ownership and operations of our surgery centers and hospitals do not fit wholly within any of the safe harbors, but we attempt to structure our ASCs to fit as closely as possible within the safe harbor designed to protect distributions to physician-investors in ASCs who directly refer patients to the ASC and personally perform the procedures at the center as an extension of their practice (the "ASC

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Safe Harbor”). The ASC Safe Harbor protects four categories of investors, including ASCs owned by (1) general surgeons, (2) single-specialty physicians, (3) multi-specialty physicians and (4) hospital/physician joint ventures, provided that certain requirements are satisfied. These requirements include the following:

- The ASC must be an ASC certified to participate in the Medicare program, and its operating and recovery room space must be dedicated exclusively to the ASC and not a part of a hospital (although such space may be leased from a hospital if such lease meets the requirements of the safe harbor for space rental).
- Each investor must be either (a) a physician who derived at least one-third of his or her medical practice income for the previous fiscal year or 12-month period from performing procedures on the list of Medicare-covered procedures for ASCs, (b) a hospital, or (c) a person or entity not in a position to make or influence referrals to the center, nor to provide items or services to the ASC, nor employed by the ASC or any investor.
- Unless all physician-investors are members of a single specialty, each physician-investor must perform at least one-third of his or her procedures at the ASC each year. This requirement is in addition to the requirement that the physician-investor has derived at least one-third of his or her medical practice income for the past year from performing procedures.
- Physician-investors must have fully informed their referred patients of the physician’s investment.
- The terms on which an investment interest is offered to an investor are not related to the previous or expected volume of referrals, services furnished or the amount of business otherwise generated from that investor to the entity.
- Neither the ASC nor any other investor nor any person acting on their behalf may loan funds to or guarantee a loan for an investor if the investor uses any part of such loan to obtain the investment interest.
- The amount of payment to an investor in return for the investment interest is directly proportional to the amount of the capital investment (including the fair market value of any pre-operational services rendered) of that investor.
- All physician-investors, any hospital-investor and the center agree to treat patients receiving benefits or assistance under a federal healthcare program in a non-discriminatory manner.
- All ancillary services performed at the ASC for beneficiaries of federal healthcare programs must be directly and integrally related to primary procedures performed at the ASC and may not be billed separately.
- No hospital-investor may include on its cost report or any claim for payment from a federal healthcare program any costs associated with the ASC.
- The ASC may not use equipment owned by or services provided by a hospital-investor unless such equipment is leased in accordance with a lease that complies with the Anti-Kickback Statute equipment rental safe harbor and such services are provided in accordance with a contract that complies with the Anti-Kickback Statute personal services and management contract safe harbor.
- No hospital-investor may be in a position to make or influence referrals directly or indirectly to any other investor or the ASC.

We believe that the ownership and operations of our surgical centers will not satisfy this ASC Safe Harbor for investment interests in ASCs because, among other things, we or one of our subsidiaries will generally be an investor in and provide management services to each ASC. We cannot assure you that the OIG would view our activities favorably even though we strive to achieve compliance with the remaining elements of this safe harbor.

In addition, although we expect each physician-investor to utilize the ASC as an extension of his or her practice and ask each physician-investor to certify this practice, we cannot assure you that all physician-investors will derive at least one-third of their medical practice income from performing Medicare-covered ASC procedures, perform one-third of their procedures at the ASC or inform their referred patients of their investment interests. Interests in our ASC joint ventures are purchased at what we believe to be fair market value. Investors who purchase at a later time generally pay more for a given percentage interest than founding investors. The result is that while all investors are paid distributions in accordance with their ownership interests, for ASCs where there are later purchases, we cannot meet the safe harbor requirement that return on investment is directly proportional to the amount of capital investment. The OIG has on several occasions reviewed investments relating to ASCs, and in Advisory Opinion No. 07-05, raised concerns that (a) purchases of interests from physicians might yield gains on investment rather than capital infusion to the ASCs, (b) such purchases could be meant to reward or influence the selling physicians’ referrals to the ASC or the hospital, and (c) such returns might not be directly proportional to the amount of capital invested. Nonetheless, we believe our fair market value purchase requirements and distribution policies comply with the Anti-Kickback Statute.

In OIG Advisory Opinion No. 09-09 (July 29, 2009), the OIG concluded that an arrangement involving an ASC joint venture between a hospital and physicians involving the combination of their two ASCs into a single, larger ASC presented minimal risk of fraud or abuse, despite the fact that it did not fit within any applicable Anti-Kickback safe harbors. Additionally, the OIG stated that fair market value should be determined based only on the tangible assets of each ASC since the physician investors are referral sources for the ASC. The OIG stated that a cash flow-based valuation of the business contributed by the physician investors potentially would include the value of the physician investors’ referrals over the time that their ASC was in existence prior to the merger with the hospital’s ASC. The OIG went on to note that a valuation involving intangible assets would not necessarily result in a violation of the Anti-Kickback Statute, but would require

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a review of all the facts and circumstances. It is not clear whether the OIG is concerned about using a cash flow-based valuation in most healthcare transactions involving referral sources, or just transactions, similar to this one, where the parties' contributions would be valued differently for contributing the same assets if only one party's contribution is valued as a going concern based on cash flow. Also, the OIG appears to be focused on historical cash flow rather than a projected, discounted cash flow, which is a commonly used valuation methodology. What is clear is that for the first time, the OIG addressed valuation methodologies, which could lead to increased scrutiny of all transactions involving physicians.

Our hospital investments do not fit wholly within the safe harbor for investments in small entities because more than 40.0% of the investment interests are held by investors who are either in a position to refer to the hospital or who provide services to the hospital and more than 40.0% of the hospital's gross revenue last year were derived from referrals generated by investors. However, we believe we comply with the remaining elements of the safe harbor.

In addition to the physician ownership in our surgical facilities, other financial relationships of ours with potential referral sources could potentially be scrutinized under the Anti-Kickback Statute. We have entered into management agreements to manage the majority of our surgical facilities. Most of these agreements call for our subsidiary to be paid a percentage-based management fee. Although there is a safe harbor for personal services and management contracts (the "Personal Services and Management Safe Harbor"), the Personal Services and Management Safe Harbor requires, among other things, that the amount of the aggregate compensation paid to the manager over the term of the agreement be set in advance. Because our management fees are generally based on a percentage of revenue, our management agreements do not typically meet this requirement. We do, however, believe that our management arrangements satisfy the other requirements of the Personal Services and Management Safe Harbor for personal services and management contracts. The OIG has taken the position in several advisory opinions that percentage-based management agreements are not protected by a safe harbor, and consequently, may violate the Anti-Kickback Statute. We have implemented formal compliance programs designed to safeguard against overbilling and believe that our management agreements comply with the requirements of the Anti-Kickback Statute. However, we cannot assure you that the OIG would find our compliance programs to be adequate or that our management agreements would be found to comply with the Anti-Kickback Statute.

Certain of our ASCs have entered into arrangements for professional services, including arrangements for anesthesia services. In a Special Advisory Bulletin issued in April 2003, the OIG focused on "questionable" contractual arrangements where a health care provider in one line of business (the "Owner") expands into a related health care business by contracting with an existing provider of a related item or service (the "Manager/Supplier") to provide the new item or service to the Owner's existing patient population, including federal health care program patients (so called "suspect Contractual Joint Ventures"). The Manager/Supplier not only manages the new line of business, but may also supply it with inventory, employees, space, billing, and other services. In other words, the Owner contracts out substantially the entire operation of the related line of business to the Manager/Supplier—otherwise a potential competitor—receiving in return the profits of the business as remuneration for its referrals. Through an Advisory Opinion, the OIG extended this suspect contractual joint venture analysis to arrangements between anesthesiologists and physician owners of ASCs. In Advisory Opinion 12-06, the OIG concluded that certain proposed arrangements between anesthesia groups and physician-owned ASCs could result in prohibited remuneration under the federal Anti-Kickback Statute. We believe our arrangements for anesthesia services are distinguishable from those described in Advisory Opinion 12-06 (May 25, 2012) and are in compliance with the requirements of the federal Anti-Kickback Statute. However, we cannot assure you that regulatory authorities would agree with that position.

We also may guarantee a surgical facility's third-party debt financing and certain lease obligations as part of our obligations under a management agreement. Physician investors are generally not required to enter into similar guarantees. The OIG might take the position that the failure of the physician investors to enter into similar guarantees represents a special benefit to the physician investors given to induce patient referrals and that such failure constitutes a violation of the Anti-Kickback Statute. We believe that the management fees (and in some cases guarantee fees) are adequate compensation to us for the credit risk associated with the guarantees and that the failure of the physician investors to enter into similar guarantees does not create a material risk of violating the Anti-Kickback Statute. However, the OIG has not issued any guidance in this regard.

The OIG is authorized to issue advisory opinions regarding the interpretation and applicability of the Anti-Kickback Statute, including whether an activity constitutes grounds for the imposition of civil or criminal sanctions. We have not, however, sought such an opinion regarding any of our arrangements. If it were determined that our activities, or those of our surgical facilities or hospitals, violate the Anti-Kickback Statute, we, our subsidiaries, our officers, our directors and each surgical facility and hospital investor could be subject, individually, to substantial monetary liability, prison sentences and/or exclusion from participation in any healthcare program funded in whole or in part by the U.S. government, including Medicare, Medicaid, TRICARE or state healthcare programs.

Evolving interpretations of current, or the adoption of new, federal or state laws or regulations could affect many of our arrangements. Law enforcement authorities, including the OIG, the courts and Congress, are increasing their scrutiny of arrangements between healthcare providers and potential referral sources to ensure that the arrangements are not designed as a mechanism to exchange remuneration for patient care referrals or opportunities. Investigators have also demonstrated a willingness to look behind the formalities of a business transaction to determine the underlying purposes of payments between healthcare providers and potential referral sources.

Federal Physician Self-Referral Law

Congress has enacted the federal physician self-referral law, or Stark Law, that prohibits certain self-referrals for healthcare services. As currently enacted, the Stark Law prohibits a practitioner, including a physician, dentist or podiatrist, from referring patients to an entity with which the practitioner or a member of his or her immediate family has a "financial relationship" for the provision of certain

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“designated health services” that are paid for in whole or in part by Medicare or Medicaid unless an exception applies. The term “financial relationship” is broadly defined and includes most types of ownership and compensation relationships. The Stark Law also prohibits the entity from seeking payment from Medicare or Medicaid for services that are rendered through a prohibited referral. If an entity is paid for services provided through a prohibited referral, it may be required to refund the payments. Violations of the Stark Law may also result in the imposition of damages equal to three times the amount improperly claimed and civil monetary penalties of up to \$15,000 per prohibited claim and \$100,000 per prohibited circumvention scheme and exclusion from participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. For the purposes of the Stark Law, the term “designated health services” is defined to include:

- clinical laboratory services;
- physical therapy services;
- occupational therapy services;
- radiology services, including magnetic resonance imaging, computerized axial tomography scan and ultrasound services;
- radiation therapy services and supplies;
- durable medical equipment and supplies;
- parenteral and enteral nutrients, equipment and supplies;
- prosthetics, orthotics and prosthetic devices and supplies;
- home health services;
- outpatient prescription drugs; and
- inpatient and outpatient hospital services.

The list of designated health services does not, however, include surgical services that are provided in an ASC. Furthermore, in final Stark Law regulations published by HHS on January 4, 2001, the term “designated health services” was specifically defined to not include services that are reimbursed by Medicare as part of a composite rate, such as services that are provided in an ASC. However, if designated health services are provided by an ASC and separately billed, referrals to the ASC by a physician-investor would be prohibited by the Stark Law. Because our facilities that are licensed as ASCs do not have independent laboratories and do not provide designated health services apart from surgical services, we do not believe referrals to these facilities by physician-investors are prohibited. If legislation or regulations are implemented that prohibit physicians from referring patients to surgical facilities in which the physician has a beneficial interest, our business and financial results would be materially adversely affected.

Five of our facilities are licensed as hospitals as of March 31, 2017. The Stark Law currently includes the Whole Hospital Exception, which applies to physician ownership of a hospital, provided such ownership is in the whole hospital and the physician is authorized to perform services at the hospital. We believe that physician investments in our facilities licensed as hospitals meet this requirement. However, changes to the Whole Hospital Exception have been the subject of recent regulatory action and legislation. Changes in the Affordable Care Act include:

- a prohibition on hospitals from having any physician ownership unless the hospital already had physician ownership and a Medicare provider agreement in effect as of December 31, 2010;
- a limitation on the percentage of total physician ownership or investment interests in the hospital or entity whose assets include the hospital to the percentage of physician ownership or investment as of March 23, 2010;
- a prohibition from expanding the number of beds, operating rooms, and procedure rooms for which it is licensed after March 23, 2010, unless the hospital obtains an exception from the Secretary;
- a requirement that return on investment be proportionate to the investment by each investor;
- restrictions on preferential treatment of physician versus non-physician investors;
- a requirement for written disclosures of physician ownership interests to the hospital’s patients and on the hospital’s website and in any advertising, along with annual reports to the government detailing such interests;
- a prohibition on the hospital or other investors from providing financing to physician investors;
- a requirement that any hospital that does not have 24/7 physician coverage inform patients of this fact and receive signed acknowledgments from the patients of the disclosure; and
- a prohibition on “grandfathered” status for any physician owned hospital that converted from an ASC to a hospital on or after March 23, 2010.

The Affordable Care Act also requires that each hospital with physician ownership submit an annual report of ownership and/or investment interest. Our hospitals have submitted their first reports. CMS has delayed the collection of the second report and publication of the first annual report. We cannot predict whether other proposed amendments to the Whole Hospital Exception will be included in any future legislation, including a repeal of the Affordable Care Act, or if Congress will adopt any similar provisions that would prohibit or

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otherwise restrict physicians from holding ownership interests in hospitals. Any such changes could have an adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

In addition to the physician ownership in our surgical facilities, we have other financial relationships with potential referral sources that potentially could be scrutinized under the Stark Law. We have entered into personal service agreements, such as medical director agreements, with physicians at our hospitals. We believe that our agreements with referral sources satisfy the requirements of the personal service arrangements exception to the Stark Law and have implemented formal compliance programs designed to ensure continued compliance. However, we cannot assure you that the OIG or CMS would find our compliance programs to be adequate or that our agreements with referral sources would be found to comply with the Stark Law.

False and Other Improper Claims

The U.S. government is authorized to impose criminal, civil and administrative penalties on any person or entity that files a false claim for payment from the Medicare or Medicaid programs or other federal and state healthcare programs. Claims filed with private insurers can also lead to criminal and civil penalties, including, but not limited to, penalties relating to violations of federal mail and wire fraud statutes, as well as penalties under the anti-fraud provisions of HIPAA. While the criminal statutes are generally reserved for instances of fraudulent intent, the U.S. government is applying its criminal, civil and administrative penalty statutes in an ever-expanding range of circumstances. For example, the U.S. government has taken the position that a pattern of claiming reimbursement for unnecessary services violates these statutes if the claimant merely should have known the services were unnecessary, even if the government cannot demonstrate actual knowledge. The U.S. government has also taken the position that claiming payment for low-quality services is a violation of these statutes if the claimant should have known that the care being provided was substandard.

Over the past several years, the U.S. government has investigated an increasing number of healthcare providers for potential violations of the federal False Claims Act. The federal False Claims Act prohibits a person from knowingly presenting, or causing to be presented, a false or fraudulent claim to the U.S. government. The statute defines "knowingly" to include not only actual knowledge of a claim's falsity, but also reckless disregard for or intentional ignorance of the truth or falsity of a claim. The Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009 further expanded the scope of the False Claims Act by, among other things, creating liability for knowingly and improperly avoiding or decreasing an obligation to pay money to the federal government. The Affordable Care Act also created federal False Claims Act liability for the knowing failure to report and return an overpayment within 60 days of the identification of the overpayment or the date by which a corresponding cost report is due, whichever is later. This requirement has led to an increasing use of the self-disclosure protocols that have been implemented by CMS, the OIG and other governmental agencies by the healthcare industry. The Affordable Care Act also provided that claims submitted in connection with patient referrals that result from violations of the Anti-Kickback Statute constitute false claims for the purposes of the federal False Claims Act, and some courts have held that a violation of the Stark Law can result in False Claims Act liability as well. Because our surgical facilities perform hundreds of similar procedures a year for which they are paid by Medicare and other government health care programs, and there is a relatively long statute of limitations, a billing error or cost reporting error could result in significant civil or criminal penalties.

Under the qui tam, or whistleblower, provisions of the False Claims Act, private parties may bring actions on behalf of the U.S. government. These private parties, often referred to as relators, are entitled to share in any amounts recovered by the government through trial or settlement. Both whistleblower lawsuits and direct enforcement activity by the government have increased significantly in recent years and have increased the risk that a healthcare company, like us, will have to defend a false claims action, pay fines or be excluded from the Medicare and Medicaid programs and other federal and state healthcare programs as a result of an investigation resulting from a whistleblower case. Although we believe that our operations materially comply with both federal and state laws, they may nevertheless be the subject of a whistleblower lawsuit or may otherwise be challenged or scrutinized by governmental authorities. Providers found liable for False Claims Act violations are subject to damages of up to three times the actual damage sustained by the government plus mandatory civil monetary penalties between \$5,500 and \$11,000 for each separate false claim. A determination that we have violated these laws could have a material adverse effect on us.

Other Fraud and Abuse Laws

The Medicare Patient and Program Protection Act of 1987, as amended by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, ("HIPAA"), and the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, impose civil monetary penalties and exclusion from state and federal healthcare programs on providers who commit violations of fraud and abuse laws. HIPAA authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Health & Human Services ("Secretary"), and in some cases requires the Secretary, to exclude individuals and entities that the Secretary determines have "committed an act" in violation of applicable fraud and abuse laws or improperly filed claims in violation of such laws from participating in any federal healthcare program. HIPAA also expanded the Secretary's authority to exclude a person involved in fraudulent activity from participating in a program providing health benefits, whether directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by the U.S. government. Additionally, under HIPAA, individuals who hold a direct or indirect ownership or controlling interest in an entity that is found to violate these laws may also be excluded from Medicare and Medicaid and other federal and state healthcare programs if the individual knew or should have known, or acted with deliberate ignorance or reckless disregard of, the truth or falsity of the information of the activity leading to the conviction or exclusion of the entity, or where the individual is an officer or managing employee of such entity. This standard does not require that specific intent to defraud be proven by OIG. Under HIPAA it is also a crime to defraud any commercial healthcare benefit program.

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Federal and State Privacy and Security Requirements

We are subject to HIPAA, including The HITECH Act, which was enacted as part of The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The HITECH Act strengthened the requirements and significantly increased the penalties for violations of the HIPAA privacy and security regulations. On January 25, 2013, HHS issued the HIPAA Omnibus Rule, which became effective on March 26, 2013. Prior to the HIPAA Omnibus Rule, the HITECH Act required us to notify patients of any unauthorized access, acquisition, or disclosure of their unsecured protected health information that poses significant risk of financial, reputational or other harm to a patient. The HIPAA Omnibus Rule eliminated this harm threshold standard and instead we are now required to notify patients of any unauthorized access, acquisition, or disclosure of their unsecured protected health information in all situations except those in which we can demonstrate that there is a low probability that the protected health information has been compromised. We now have the burden of demonstrating through a risk assessment that a breach of protected health information has not occurred. This new more objective standard may lead to an increased number of occurrences that require breach notifications. In addition, the HIPAA Omnibus Rule also modified the following aspects of the HIPAA privacy and security regulations:

- makes our facilities' business associates directly liable for compliance with certain of HIPAA's requirements;
- makes our facilities liable for violations by their business associates if HHS determines an agency relationship exists between the facility and the business associate under federal agency law;
- adds limitations on the use and disclosure of health information for marketing and fund-raising purposes, and prohibits the sale of protected health information without individual authorization;
- expands our patients' rights to receive electronic copies of their health information and to restrict disclosures to a health plan concerning treatment for which our patient has paid out of pocket in full;
- requires modifications to, and redistribution of, our facilities' notice of privacy practices;
- requires modifications to existing agreements with business associates;
- adopts the additional HITECH Act provisions not previously adopted addressing enforcement of noncompliance with HIPAA due to willful neglect;
- incorporates the increased and tiered civil money penalty structure provided by the HITECH Act; and
- revises the HIPAA privacy rule to increase privacy protections for genetic information as required by the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008.

The HIPAA privacy standards apply to individually identifiable information held or disclosed by a covered entity in any form, whether communicated electronically, on paper or orally. These standards impose extensive administrative requirements on us. These standards require our compliance with rules governing the use and disclosure of this health information. They create rights for patients in their health information, such as the right to amend their health information, and they require us to impose these rules, by contract, on any business associate to whom we disclose such information in order to perform functions on our behalf.

The HIPAA security standards require us to establish and maintain reasonable and appropriate administrative, technical and physical safeguards to ensure the integrity, confidentiality and the availability of electronic protected health and related financial information. Although the security standards do not reference or advocate a specific technology, and covered healthcare providers, plans and clearinghouses have the flexibility to choose their own technical solutions, the security standards have required us to implement significant new systems, business procedures and training programs.

Violations of the HIPAA privacy and security regulations may result in civil and criminal penalties. The HITECH Act strengthened the requirements of the HIPAA privacy and security regulations and significantly increased the penalties for violations by introducing a tiered penalty system, with penalties of up to \$50,000 per violation with a maximum civil penalty of \$1.5 million in a calendar year for violations of the same requirement. However, a single breach incident can result in violations of multiple requirements, resulting in possible penalties well in excess of \$1.5 million. Under the HITECH Act, HHS is required to conduct periodic compliance audits of covered entities and their business associates. The HITECH Act and the HIPAA Omnibus Rule also extend the application of certain provisions of the security and privacy regulations to business associates and subjects business associates to civil and criminal penalties for violation of the regulations.

The HITECH Act authorizes State Attorneys General to bring civil actions seeking either an injunction or damages in response to violations of HIPAA privacy and security regulations or the new data breach law that affects the privacy of their state residents. We expect vigorous enforcement of the HITECH Act's requirements by HHS and State Attorneys General. Additionally, HHS conducted a pilot audit program that concluded December 2012 in the first phase of HHS' implementation of the HITECH Act's requirements of periodic audits of covered entities and business associates to ensure their compliance with the HIPAA privacy and security regulations. HHS has allocated increased funding towards HIPAA enforcement activity and such enforcement activity has seen a marked increase over recent years. We cannot predict whether our surgical facilities will be able to comply with the final rules and the financial impact to our surgical facilities in implementing the requirements under the final rules when they take effect, or whether our hospitals will be selected for an audit, or the results of such an audit.

Our facilities also remain subject to any state laws that relate to privacy or the reporting of data breaches that are more restrictive than the regulations issued under HIPAA and the requirements of the HITECH Act. For example, various state laws and regulations may require

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us to notify affected individuals in the event of a data breach involving certain personal information, such as social security numbers, dates of birth and credit card information.

Adoption of Electronic Health Records

The HITECH Act includes provisions designed to increase the use of EHR by both physicians and hospitals. Beginning in 2011 and extending through 2016, eligible hospitals may receive incentive payments based upon successfully demonstrating meaningful use of its certified EHR technology. Beginning in 2015, those hospitals that do not successfully demonstrate meaningful use of EHR technology are subject to reduced payments from Medicare. EHR meaningful use objectives and measures that hospitals and physicians must meet in order to qualify for incentive payments will be implemented in three stages. Stage 1 has been in effect since 2011 and Stage 2 took effect for hospitals beginning in fiscal year 2014. On October 16, 2015, CMS published a final rule that consolidated Stage 1 and Stage 2 into a "Modified Stage 2" effective as of 2015 and set out requirements for Stage 3, which is set to take full effect in 2018. In connection with the acquisition of Symbion, we acquired six surgical facilities that are licensed as hospitals, five of which we own as of March 31, 2017. These hospitals began the implementation of EHR initiatives in 2012. We strive to comply with the EHR meaningful use requirements of the HITECH Act so as to qualify for incentive payments. Continued implementation of EHR and compliance with the HITECH Act will result in significant costs. We recorded income of \$141,000 which was recognized during the three months ended March 31, 2017. We incurred negligible costs for hardware, software and implementation expenses during the same three month period. We do not currently know the extent of additional costs that will be associated with implementation of additional systems or the amount of future incentives that we will receive.

HIPAA Administrative Simplification Requirements

The HIPAA transaction regulations were issued to encourage electronic commerce in the healthcare industry. These regulations include standards that healthcare providers must follow when electronically transmitting certain healthcare transactions, such as healthcare claims.

Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act

Our hospitals are subject to the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act ("EMTALA"). This federal law requires any hospital that participates in the Medicare program to conduct an appropriate medical screening examination of every person who presents to the hospital's emergency department for treatment and, if the patient is suffering from an emergency medical condition, to either stabilize that condition or make an appropriate transfer of the patient to a facility that can handle the condition. The obligation to screen and stabilize emergency medical conditions or transfer exists regardless of a patient's ability to pay for treatment. Off-campus facilities such as surgery centers that lack emergency departments or otherwise do not treat emergency medical conditions generally are not subject to EMTALA. They must, however, have policies in place that explain how the location should proceed in an emergency situation, such as transferring the patient to the closest hospital with an emergency department. There are severe penalties under EMTALA if a hospital fails to screen or appropriately stabilize or transfer a patient or if the hospital delays appropriate treatment in order to first inquire about the patient's ability to pay, including civil monetary penalties and exclusion from participation in the government health care programs. In addition, an injured patient, the patient's family or a medical facility that suffers a financial loss as a direct result of another hospital's violation of the law can bring a civil suit against that other hospital. CMS has actively enforced EMTALA and has indicated that it will continue to do so in the future. Although we believe that our hospitals comply with EMTALA, we cannot predict whether CMS will implement new requirements in the future and, if so, whether our hospitals will comply with any new requirements.

State Regulation

Many of the states in which our surgical facilities operate have adopted statutes and/or regulations that prohibit the payment of kickbacks or any type of remuneration in exchange for patient referrals and that prohibit healthcare providers from, in certain circumstances, referring a patient to a healthcare facility in which the provider has an ownership or investment interest. While these statutes generally mirror the federal Anti-Kickback Statute and Stark Law, they vary widely in their scope and application. Some are specifically limited to healthcare services that are paid for in whole or in part by the Medicaid program; others apply to all healthcare services regardless of payor; and others apply only to state-defined designated services, which may differ from the designated health services under the Stark Law. In addition, many states have adopted statutes that mirror the False Claims Act and that prohibit the filing of a false or fraudulent claim with a state governmental agency. We intend to comply with all applicable state healthcare laws, rules and regulations. However, these laws, rules and regulations have typically been the subject of limited judicial and regulatory interpretation. As a result, we cannot assure you that our surgical facilities will not be investigated or scrutinized by the governmental authorities empowered to do so or, if challenged, that their activities would be found to be lawful. A determination of non-compliance with the applicable state healthcare laws, rules, and regulations could subject our surgical facilities to civil and criminal penalties and could have a material adverse effect on our operations.

We are also subject to various state insurance statutes and regulations that prohibit us from submitting inaccurate, incorrect or misleading claims. Many state insurance laws and regulations are broadly worded and could be implicated, for example, if our surgical facilities were to adjust an out-of-network co-payment or other patient responsibility amounts without fully disclosing the adjustment on the claim submitted to the payor. While some of our surgical facilities adjust the out-of-network costs of patient co-payment and deductible amounts to reflect in-network co-payment costs when providing services to patients whose health insurance is covered by a payor with which the surgical facilities are not contracted, our policy is to fully disclose adjustments in the claims submitted to the payors. We believe that our surgical facilities are in compliance with all applicable state insurance laws and regulations regarding the submission of claims. We

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cannot assure you, however, that none of our surgical facilities' insurance claims will ever be challenged. If we were found to be in violation of a state's insurance laws or regulations, we could be forced to discontinue the violative practice, which could have an adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations, and we could be subject to fines and criminal penalties.

Fee Splitting; Corporate Practice of Medicine

The laws of many states prohibit physicians from splitting fees with non-physicians (i.e., sharing in a percentage of professional fees), prohibit non-physician entities (such as us) from practicing medicine and exercising control over or employing physicians and prohibit referrals to facilities in which physicians have a financial interest. The existence, interpretation and enforcement of these laws vary significantly from state to state. In light of these restrictions, in certain states we facilitate the provision of physician services by maintaining long-term management services agreements through our subsidiaries with affiliated professional contractors, which employ or contract with physicians and other healthcare professionals to provide physician professional services. Under these arrangements, our subsidiaries perform only non-medical administrative services, do not represent that they offer medical services and do not exercise influence or control over the practice of medicine by the physicians employed by the affiliated professional contractors. Although we believe that the fees we receive from affiliated professional contractors have been structured in a manner that is compliant with applicable fee-splitting laws, it is possible that a government regulator could interpret such fee arrangements to be in violation of certain fee-splitting laws. Future interpretations of, or changes in, these laws might require structural and organizational modifications of our existing relationships, and we cannot assure you that we would be able to appropriately modify such relationships. In addition, statutes in some states could restrict our expansion into those states.

Clinical Laboratory Regulation

Our clinical laboratories are subject to federal oversight under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 ("CLIA") which extends federal oversight to virtually all clinical laboratories by requiring that they be certified by the federal government or by a federally-approved accreditation agency. CLIA requires that all clinical laboratories meet quality assurance, quality control and personnel standards. Laboratories also must undergo proficiency testing and are subject to inspections. Standards for testing under CLIA are based on the complexity of the tests performed by the laboratory, with tests classified as "high complexity," "moderate complexity," or "waived." Laboratories performing high complexity testing are required to meet more stringent requirements than moderate complexity laboratories. Laboratories performing only waived tests, which are tests determined by the Food and Drug Administration to have a low potential for error and requiring little oversight, may apply for a certificate of waiver exempting them from most of the requirements of CLIA. Our operations also subject to state and local laboratory regulation. CLIA provides that a state may adopt laboratory regulations different from or more stringent than those under federal law, and a number of states have implemented their own laboratory regulatory requirements. State laws may require that laboratory personnel meet certain qualifications, specify certain quality controls, or require maintenance of certain records. We believe that we are in material compliance with all applicable laboratory requirements, but no assurances can be given that our laboratories will pass all future licensure or certification inspections.

Regulatory Compliance Program

It is our policy to conduct our business with integrity and in compliance with the law. We have in place and continue to enhance a company-wide compliance program that focuses on all areas of regulatory compliance including billing, reimbursement, cost reporting practices and contractual arrangements with referral sources.

This regulatory compliance program is intended to help ensure that high standards of conduct are maintained in the operation of our business and that policies and procedures are implemented so that employees act in full compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and company policies. Under the regulatory compliance program, every employee and certain contractors involved in patient care, and coding and billing, receive initial and periodic legal compliance and ethics training. In addition, we regularly monitor our ongoing compliance efforts and develop and implement policies and procedures designed to foster compliance with the law. The program also includes a mechanism for employees to report, without fear of retaliation, any suspected legal or ethical violations to their supervisors, designated compliance officers in our facilities, our compliance hotline or directly to our corporate compliance office. We believe our compliance program is consistent with standard industry practices. However, we cannot provide any assurances that our compliance program will detect all violations of law or protect against qui tam suits or government enforcement actions.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

We are subject to market risk primarily from exposure to changes in interest rates based on our financing, investing and cash management activities. We utilize a balanced mix of maturities along with both fixed rate and variable rate debt to manage our exposures to changes in interest rates, and do not hold or issue any derivative financial instruments for this purpose.

Our variable debt instruments are primarily indexed to the prime rate or LIBOR. Interest rate changes would result in gains or losses in the market value of our fixed rate debt portfolio due to differences in market interest rates and the rates at the inception of the debt agreements. At March 31, 2017, \$507.1 million of our outstanding debt was in fixed rate instruments and the remaining \$915.4 million was in variable rate instruments. Assuming a hypothetical 100 basis points increase in LIBOR on our debt as of March 31, 2017, our quarterly interest expense would increase by approximately \$2.3 million. Although there can be no assurances that interest rates will not change

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significantly, we do not expect changes in interest rates to have a material effect on our net earnings or cash flows in 2017 based on our indebtedness at March 31, 2017.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

An evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2017. Based on, and as of the time of such evaluation, our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

As previously disclosed under "Item 9A-Controls and Procedures" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, in connection with management's assessment of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016, management identified a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting pertaining to lack of documentation evidencing certain controls involving revenue, accounts receivable and related allowances. Management has begun implementing a remediation plan to address the lack of documentation issue. The plan includes the implementation of enhanced documentation policies and procedures, along with the allocation of resources dedicated to training and monitoring these policies and procedures. Although we believe our remediation efforts will be effective in remediating the material weakness, it will not be considered fully addressed until the enhanced policies and procedures over documentation evidencing certain controls involving revenue, accounts receivable and related allowances have been in operation for a sufficient period of time for our management to conclude that the material weakness has been fully remediated. We will continue to work on implementing and testing the enhanced documentation policies and procedures in order to make this final determination.

Other than our progress in our remediation efforts outlined above, there have been no changes during the quarter ended March 31, 2017 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Limitations on the Effectiveness of Controls

Our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, recognizes that any set of controls and procedures, no matter how well-designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance of achieving the desired control objectives. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, with the Company have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people or by management override of controls. For these reasons, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

We are, from time to time, subject to claims and suits arising in the ordinary course of business, including claims for damages for personal injuries, breach of management contracts and employment related claims. In certain of these actions, plaintiffs request payment for damages, including punitive damages, that may not be covered by insurance. In the opinion of management, we are not currently a party to any proceedings that would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes with respect to the risk factors discussed in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

None.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

Our corporate headquarters is located in Nashville, Tennessee at 40 Burton Hills Boulevard, Suite 500, where we currently lease approximately 44,000 square feet of office space under a lease that extends through December 31, 2017. We previously entered into a lease agreement to transfer our corporate headquarters to an approximately 56,000 square foot location in Brentwood, Tennessee upon expiration of our current lease on December 31, 2017. On August 29, 2016, we entered into a first amendment to that lease agreement for the Brentwood, Tennessee location which, among other things, expands the rented square footage to approximately 68,335. On April 26, 2017, we entered into a second amendment to that lease agreement for the Brentwood, Tennessee location which, among other things, expands the rented square footage to approximately 84,874. This amendment has been filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Item 6. Exhibits

No.	Description
10.1	Second Amendment to Lease Agreement, dated April 26, 2017, between Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership and Surgery Partners, Inc.
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(a) Management Contract or Compensatory Plan or Arrangement.

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.

SURGERY PARTNERS, INC.

By: /s/ Teresa F. Sparks
Teresa F. Sparks
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Date: May 10, 2017

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SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT

This SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT entered into this 26th day of April, 2017 (the "Second Amendment"), by and between **HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**, a North Carolina limited partnership ("Landlord"), and **SURGERY PARTNERS, INC.**, a Delaware corporation ("Tenant").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Tenant and Landlord entered into that certain Office Lease dated November 17, 2015 (the "Original Lease"), as amended by that certain First Amendment to Lease Agreement dated August 29, 2016 (the "First Amendment"), for space designated as Suites 300, 400 and 500, comprising a total of approximately 68,335 rentable square feet (the "Premises"), in the Seven Springs II Building (the "Building"), located at 310 Seven Springs Way, Brentwood, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to further alter and modify said Original Lease in the manner hereinafter set forth (the Original Lease and First Amendment, as further amended and modified by this Second Amendment, are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Lease").

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual and reciprocal promises contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Landlord and Tenant hereby agree to amend the Lease as follows:

1. *Expansion.* The parties hereby agree that the Premises shall be further expanded by the addition of the remaining space on the third floor of the Building comprising approximately 16,539 rentable square feet. Therefore, the total square footage leased by Tenant on the third floor shall be 28,733 rentable square feet as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto (which is hereby incorporated into Exhibit A to the Lease), and the entire third floor space shall be known and numbered as Suite 300. Based on the foregoing, paragraph 1.a of the Original Lease, entitled "Premises", as previously amended by Section 1 of the First Amendment, is hereby further amended in its entirety and replaced with the following:

a. <i>Premises.</i>	Total Rentable Square Feet:	84,874
	Suite 300:	28,733
	Suite 400:	28,733
	Suite 500:	27,408
	Suites:	300, 400 and 500
	Building:	Seven Springs II
	Office Park:	Seven Springs
	Street Address:	310 Seven Springs Way
	City/County:	Brentwood/Davidson
	State/Zip Code:	Tennessee 37027

2. *Term.* Notwithstanding the expansion of the Premises set forth above, the Term of the Lease will remain 126 months with a Commencement Date of July 1, 2017; a Rent Commencement Date of January 1, 2018; and an Expiration Date of December 31, 2027; all as set forth in Section 1.b of the Lease (which dates remain subject to adjustment pursuant to Section 3 of the Lease).
3. *Base Rent.* Due to the additional expansion of the Premises set forth herein, the rent schedule set forth in Section 1.f of the Original Lease, as previously amended and replaced by the rent schedule in Section 3 of the First Amendment, is hereby further amended in its entirety and replaced with the following rent schedule:

PERIOD	RATE	MONTHLY RENT	ANNUAL RENT
07/01/17 - 12/31/17	\$0.00*	\$0.00	\$0.00
01/01/18 - 12/31/18	\$33.00	\$233,403.50	\$2,800,842.00
01/01/19 - 12/31/19	\$33.66	\$238,071.57	\$2,856,858.84
01/01/20 - 12/31/20	\$34.33	\$242,810.37	\$2,913,724.44
01/01/21 - 12/31/21	\$35.02	\$247,690.62	\$2,972,287.44
01/01/22 - 12/31/22	\$35.72	\$252,641.61	\$3,031,699.32
01/01/23 - 12/31/23	\$36.43	\$257,663.32	\$3,091,959.84
01/01/24 - 12/31/24	\$37.16	\$262,826.49	\$3,153,917.88
01/01/25 - 12/31/25	\$37.91	\$268,131.11	\$3,217,573.32
01/01/26 - 12/31/26	\$38.66	\$273,435.74	\$3,281,228.88
01/01/27 - 12/31/27	\$39.44	\$278,952.55	\$3,347,430.60
CUMULATIVE BASE RENT:			\$30,667,522.56

*Landlord is agreeing to waive minimum Base Rent for the first six months of the Term; and the Base Rent for such period otherwise would have been \$233,403.50 per month. Accordingly, Landlord has agreed to conditionally waive receipt of \$1,400,421.00 (the "Conditionally Waived Rent") subject to Tenant's compliance with all terms and provisions of this Lease. In the event of any default by Tenant under this Lease during the initial Term that is not cured within any relevant grace or cure period, all of the Conditionally Waived Rent, or so much of it as would have by then accrued but for such conditional waiver, may then, at Landlord's option exercised by written notice to Tenant, become immediately due and payable; and Base Rent shall prospectively accrue as if there had been no agreement as to the Conditionally Waived Rent. Upon expiration of the initial Term of this Lease, without any such uncured default and acceleration, the Conditionally Waived Rent shall be permanently forgiven.

4. *Tenant's Proportionate Share.* Due to the expansion of the Premises set forth herein, Tenant's Proportionate Share of Operating Expenses and Taxes as defined in Section 5 of Article I of the Addendum Number One to the Original Lease is hereby further amended to be 63.14%, calculated by dividing the 84,874 rentable square feet of the Premises by the 134,432 net rentable square feet of the Building.
5. *Allowance Increase.* In connection with the additional expansion of the Premises set forth herein, the amount of the Allowance available for the construction of the Tenant Improvements pursuant to the Work Letter set forth in Exhibit A-1 to the Original Lease shall increase to \$43.50 per rentable square foot of the Premises (which equates to \$3,692,019.00 calculated on the 84,874 total rentable square feet of the Premises); and all references to the amount of the Allowance in Exhibit A-1 and elsewhere in the Lease are hereby amended accordingly.
6. *Right of Refusal.* Due to Tenant's lease of the remaining space on the third floor of the Building as set forth herein, the Right of Refusal set forth in Section 6 of the First Amendment is now null and void and deleted in its entirety.
7. *Brokers' Commissions.* Tenant hereby represents and warrants to Landlord that Tenant has not dealt with any real estate broker, finder or other person with respect to this Second Amendment and the expansion of the Premises except for Cushman & Wakefield ("Tenant's Broker"). Tenant shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Landlord from and against any claims, damages, expenses and liabilities arising from Tenant's breach of this representation and warranty. Landlord will pay Tenant's Broker a commission for the addition of the balance of the third floor space only pursuant a separate agreement.
8. *Miscellaneous.* The foregoing is intended to be an addition and a modification to the Original Lease. Unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalized terms used in this Second Amendment shall have the same definitions ascribed in the Original Lease. Except as modified and amended by this Second Amendment, the Original Lease shall remain in full force and effect. If anything contained in this Second Amendment conflicts with any terms of the Original Lease, then the terms of this Second Amendment shall govern and any conflicting terms in the Lease shall be deemed deleted in their entirety. This Second Amendment may be executed in any number of separate counterparts by the parties hereto, each of which, when so executed and delivered, shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which counterparts, taken together, shall constitute one and the same instrument. Any signature page from any such counterpart may be attached to any other counterpart to complete a fully executed counterpart of this Second Amendment. Signatures to this Second Amendment transmitted in a commonly accepted electronic format that reproduces an image of the actual executed signature page shall be deemed a binding original and shall have the same legal effect, validity, and enforceability as a manually executed counterpart of the document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Tenant and Landlord have caused this instrument to be executed as of the date first above written, by their respective officers or parties thereunto duly authorized.

Tenant:
SURGERY PARTNERS, INC.
a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Teresa Sparks

Printed Name: Teresa Sparks

Title: CFO

Date: 04-26-17

Landlord:
HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
a North Carolina limited partnership

By: Highwoods Properties, Inc.,
a Maryland corporation, its General Partner

By: W. Brian Reames

Printed Name: W. Brian Reames

Title: Senior Vice President

Date: 04-27-17

**CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a) AND RULE 15d-14(a) OF THE SECURITIES
AND EXCHANGE ACT, AS AMENDED AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Michael T. Doyle, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Surgery Partners, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report, based on such evaluation; and
 - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

By: /s/ Michael T. Doyle
Michael T. Doyle
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: May 10, 2017

**CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a) AND RULE 15d- 14(a) OF THE SECURITIES
AND EXCHANGE ACT, AS AMENDED AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Teresa F. Sparks, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Surgery Partners, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report, based on such evaluation; and
 - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

By: /s/ Teresa F. Sparks
Teresa F. Sparks
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Date: May 10, 2017

**CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Surgery Partners, Inc. (the "Company") for the period ended March 31, 2017, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Michael T. Doyle, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Sec. 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company for the periods presented therein.

By: /s/ Michael T. Doyle
Michael T. Doyle
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: May 10, 2017

**CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Surgery Partners, Inc. (the "Company") for the period ended March 31, 2017, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Teresa F. Sparks, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Sec. 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company for the periods presented therein.

By: /s/ Teresa F. Sparks
Teresa F. Sparks
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Date: May 10, 2017