UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): February 17, 2016

CHEMED CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 1-8351 (Commission File Number) 31-0791746 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

Suite 2600, 255 East 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (513) 762-6690

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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On February 17, 2016 Chemed Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2015. A copy of the release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

d) Exhibit (99) Registrant's press release dated February 17, 2016

SIGNATURES

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

CHEMED CORPORATION

Dated: February 17, 2016 By: /s/ Arthur V. Tucker Jr.

Arthur V. Tucker, Jr.

Vice President and Controller

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Chemed Reports Fourth-Quarter 2015 Results

CINCINNATI--(BUSINESS WIRE)--February 17, 2016--Chemed Corporation (Chemed) (NYSE:CHE), which operates VITAS Healthcare Corporation (VITAS), the nation's largest provider of end-of-life care, and Roto-Rooter, the nation's largest commercial and residential plumbing and drain cleaning services provider, reported financial results for its fourth quarter ended December 31, 2015, versus the comparable prior-year period, as follows:

Consolidated operating results:

- Revenue increased 5.1% to \$399 million
- GAAP Diluted EPS increased 0.6% to \$1.72
- Adjusted Diluted EPS increased 9.4% to \$1.97

VITAS segment operating results:

- Net Patient Revenue of \$284 million, an increase of 3.7%
- Average Daily Census (ADC) of 15,697, an increase of 5.8%
- Admissions of 15,790, a decrease of 3.2%
- Net Income, including litigation costs, of \$26.5 million, an increase of 3.8%
- Adjusted EBITDA, excluding cap, of \$46.4 million, an increase of 2.7%
- Adjusted EBITDA margin, excluding cap, of 16.3%, a decrease of 19 basis points

Roto-Rooter segment operating results:

- Revenue of \$114 million, an increase of 8.7%
- Net Income of \$13.5 million, an increase of 17.2%
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$24.4 million, an increase of 15.5%
- Adjusted EBITDA margin of 21.4%, an increase of 126 basis points

VITAS

Net revenue for VITAS was \$284 million in the fourth quarter of 2015, which is an increase of \$10.1 million, or 3.7%, when compared to the prior-year period. This revenue increase is comprised of an average Medicare reimbursement rate increase of approximately 0.6%, a 5.8% increase in average daily census, offset by level of care and geographic mix shift, when compared to the prior year.

In the fourth quarter of 2015, VITAS did not record any adjustments in estimated Medicare Cap billing limitations. This compares to \$0.5 million of Medicare Cap billing limitations reversed in the fourth quarter of 2014.

At December 31, 2015, VITAS had 31 Medicare provider numbers, none of which has an estimated 2015 Medicare Cap billing limitation.

Of VITAS' 31 unique Medicare provider numbers, 28 provider numbers have a Medicare Cap cushion of 10% or greater for the trailing twelve-month period, one provider number has a cap cushion between 5% and 10% and two provider numbers have a cap cushion between 0% and 5%. VITAS generated an aggregate cap cushion of \$274 million during the trailing twelve-month period.

Average revenue per patient per day in the quarter, excluding the impact of Medicare Cap, was \$196.98, which is 1.8% below the prior-year period. Routine home care reimbursement and high acuity care averaged \$165.06 and \$704.93, respectively. During the quarter, high acuity days of care were 5.9% of total days of care, 78 basis points less than the prior-year quarter.

The fourth quarter of 2015 gross margin, excluding the impact of Medicare Cap, was 24.1%, which is 12 basis points less than the fourth quarter of 2014.

Selling, general and administrative expense was \$23.1 million in the fourth quarter of 2015, which is an increase of 5.9% when compared to the prior-year quarter. Adjusted EBITDA, excluding Medicare Cap, totaled \$46.4 million in the quarter, an increase of 2.7% over the prior-year period. Adjusted EBITDA margin, excluding the impact from Medicare Cap, was 16.3% in the quarter which is a decline of 19 basis points when compared to the prior-year.

Roto-Rooter

Roto-Rooter generated sales of \$114 million for the fourth quarter of 2015, an increase of \$9.1 million, or 8.7%, over the prior-year quarter. This increase consisted of a 10.3% increase in plumbing and a 4.4% increase in sewer and drain services. Water restoration accounted for \$2.1 million of this revenue growth, with water and flood remediation services aggregating \$10.4 million in the quarter.

Roto-Rooter's gross margin in the quarter was 47.3%, a 56 basis point improvement when compared to the fourth quarter of 2014. Adjusted EBITDA in the fourth quarter of 2015 totaled \$24.4 million, an increase of 15.5%, and the Adjusted EBITDA margin was 21.4% in the quarter, a 126 basis point improvement when compared to the prior year.

Chemed Consolidated

As of December 31, 2015, Chemed had total cash and cash equivalents of \$14.7 million and debt of \$91.3 million.

In June 2014 Chemed entered into a five-year Amended and Restated Credit Agreement that consisted of a \$100 million amortizable term loan and a \$350 million revolving credit facility. The interest rate on this facility has a floating rate that is currently LIBOR plus 112.5 basis points. At December 31, 2015, the Company had approximately \$312 million of undrawn borrowing capacity under this credit agreement.

Capital expenditures through December 31, 2015, aggregated \$44.1 million and compares to depreciation and amortization during the same period of \$33.5 million.

The Company repurchased \$11.3 million of Chemed stock during the quarter. This equates to 75,000 shares of Chemed stock repurchased at an average cost of \$151.09. Chemed currently has \$52.5 million of authorization remaining under this share repurchase plan.

Guidance for 2016

On January 1, 2016, CMS implemented a revenue neutral rebasing to the Medicare hospice reimbursement per diem. This rebasing eliminated the single-tier per diem for routine home care (RHC) and replaced it with a two-tiered rate, with a higher rate for the first 60 days of a hospice patient's care, and a lower rate for days 61 and after. In addition, CMS provided for a Service Intensity Add-on (SIA) payment which provides for reimbursement of care provided by a registered nurse or social worker for RHC patients within seven days prior to death. The reimbursement for continuous care, inpatient care and respite care are not impacted by this rebasing.

The two-tiered national per diem rate for RHC is \$186.84 for the first 60 days and \$146.83 for RHC provided to patients in hospice beyond 60 days. An individual hospice's actual per diem rate is adjusted for differences in geographic cost of living. Rebasing in 2016 would be revenue neutral to a hospice if it has 37.6% of total RHC days-of-care being provided to patients in their first 60 days of admission and 62.4% of total RHC days-of-care provided to patients after the 60 days. (Days-of-Care ratio).

Historically, VITAS had a 32/68 aggregate Days-of-Care ratio. High acuity care historically has represented 6% to 7% of VITAS' total days-of-care. VITAS high acuity days-of-care provided to patients within the first 60 days of admission represented approximately 15% of days-of-care provided to patients in the first 60 days of admission. This results in a VITAS RHC Days-of-Care ratio of approximately 29/71.

The impact to VITAS for the 2016 rebasing is estimated to reduce aggregate 2016 revenue by \$16 million when compared to the single-tier reimbursement model. Rebasing is estimated to reduce 2016 RHC revenue by approximately \$20 million partially offset by \$4 million in SIA payments.

The estimated impact from rebasing is similar to the impact of sequestration. It will have a one-year impact relative to revenue and profitability growth when compared to the prior year. However, similar to sequestration, VITAS anticipates a significant portion of this \$16 million reduction in revenue will be offset by increased efficiencies in 2016 and 2017 in the areas of non-bedside field operations and general administration.

Including the impact of rebasing, full-year 2016 revenue growth for VITAS, prior to Medicare Cap, is estimated to be in the range of 2.5% to 3.5%. Admissions in 2016 are estimated to increase 3% and full-year Adjusted EBITDA margin, prior to Medicare Cap, is estimated to be 14% to 15%. This guidance includes \$5.0 million for Medicare Cap billing limitations.

Roto-Rooter is forecasted to achieve full-year 2016 revenue growth of 3.5% to 4.5%. This revenue estimate is based upon increased job pricing of approximately 1% and continued growth in water restoration services. Adjusted EBITDA margin for 2016 is estimated in the range of 20% to 21%.

Based upon the above, full-year 2016 adjusted earnings per diluted share, excluding non-cash expense for stock options, costs related to litigation, and other discrete items, is estimated to be in the range of \$7.05 to \$7.25. This compares to Chemed's 2015 reported adjusted earnings per diluted share of \$6.98.

The impact on diluted earnings per share from rebasing is approximately \$0.56. Excluding rebasing, 2016 guidance for adjusted earnings per diluted share would have been in the range of \$7.61 to \$7.81.

Conference Call

Chemed will host a conference call and webcast at 10 a.m., ET, on Thursday, February 18, 2016, to discuss the Company's quarterly results and to provide an update on its business. The dial-in number for the conference call is (877) 415-3186 for U.S. and Canadian participants and (857) 244-7329 for international participants. The participant passcode is 76740859. A live webcast of the call can be accessed on Chemed's website at www.chemed.com by clicking on Investor Relations Home.

A taped replay of the conference call will be available beginning approximately 24 hours after the call's conclusion. It can be accessed by dialing (888) 286-8010 for U.S. and Canadian callers and (617) 801-6888 for international callers and will be available for one week following the live call. The replay pass code is 33220503. An archived webcast will also be available at www.chemed.com.

Chemed Corporation operates in the healthcare field through its VITAS Healthcare Corporation subsidiary. VITAS provides daily hospice services to over 15,000 patients with severe, life-limiting illnesses. This type of care is focused on making the terminally ill patient's final days as comfortable and pain-free as possible.

Chemed operates in the residential and commercial plumbing and drain cleaning industry under the brand name Roto-Rooter. Roto-Rooter provides plumbing and drain service through company-owned branches, independent contractors and franchisees in the United States and Canada. Roto-Rooter also has licensed master franchisees in the republics of Indonesia and Singapore, and the Philippines.

This press release contains information about Chemed's EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Diluted EPS, which are not measures derived in accordance with GAAP and which exclude components that are important to understanding Chemed's financial performance.

In reporting its operating results, Chemed provides EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Diluted EPS measures to help investors and others evaluate the Company's operating results, compare its operating performance with that of similar companies that have different capital structures and evaluate its ability to meet its future debt service, capital expenditures and working capital requirements. Chemed's management similarly uses EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Diluted EPS to assist it in evaluating the performance of the Company across fiscal periods and in assessing how its performance compares to its peer companies. These measures also help Chemed's management to estimate the resources required to meet Chemed's future financial obligations and expenditures. Chemed's EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Diluted EPS should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for comparable measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP. We calculated Adjusted EBITDA Margin by dividing Adjusted EBITDA by service revenue and sales. A reconciliation of Chemed's net income to its EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Diluted EPS is presented in the tables following the text of this press release.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this press release and the accompanying tables are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The words "believe," "expect," "hope," "anticipate," "plan" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date the statement was made. Chemed does not undertake and specifically disclaims any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. These statements are based on current expectations and assumptions and involve various risks and uncertainties, which could cause Chemed's actual results to differ from those expressed in such forward-looking statements.

These risks and uncertainties arise from, among other things, possible changes in regulations governing the hospice care or plumbing and drain cleaning industries; periodic changes in reimbursement levels and procedures under Medicare and Medicaid programs; difficulties predicting patient length of stay and estimating potential Medicare reimbursement obligations; challenges inherent in Chemed's growth strategy; the current shortage of qualified nurses, other healthcare professionals and licensed plumbing and drain cleaning technicians; Chemed's dependence on patient referral sources; and other factors detailed under the caption "Description of Business by Segment" or "Risk Factors" in Chemed's most recent report on form 10-Q or 10-K and its other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements and there are no assurances that the matters contained in such statements will be achieved.

CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

(in thousands, except per share data)(unaudited)

	Fo	r the Three	Mor	nths Ended	For the Y	ears Ended
		Decen	ber	31,	Decem	ber 31,
		2015		2014	2015	2014
Service revenues and sales	\$	398,589	\$	379,411	\$1,543,388	\$1,456,282
Cost of services provided and goods sold		275,973		263,402	1,087,610	1,034,673
Selling, general and administrative expenses (aa)		64,554		57,832	237,821	222,589
Depreciation		8,180		8,010	32,369	29,881
Amortization		723		130	1,130	720
Total costs and expenses		349,430		329,374	1,358,930	1,287,863
Income from operations		49,159		50,037	184,458	168,419
Interest expense		(799)		(962)	(3,645)	(8,186)
Other incomenet (bb)		569		244	(687)	2,521
Income before income taxes		48,929		49,319	180,126	162,754
Income taxes		(19,000)		(19,524)	(69,852)	(63,437)
Net income	<u>\$</u>	29,929	\$	29,795	\$ 110,274	\$ 99,317
Earnings Per Share						
Net income	\$	1.78	\$	1.77	\$ 6.54	\$ 5.79
Average number of shares outstanding	=	16,819		16,878	16,870	17,165
Diluted Earnings Per Share						
Net income	\$	1.72	\$	1.71	\$ 6.33	\$ 5.57
Average number of shares outstanding	=	17,365	_	17,469	17,422	17,840
(aa) Selling, general and administrative ("SG&A") expenses comprise (in thousands):	Fo	r the Three Decen				ears Ended ber 31,
		2015	1001	2014	2015	2014
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SG&A expenses before long-term incentive compensation, O.I.G. expenses and the impact of market val gains related to deferred compensation plans	ue \$	58,625	\$	56,308	\$ 225,180	\$ 214,761
Long-term incentive compensation	4	3,764	Ψ	581	7,519	2,569
O.I.G. expenses		1,137		533	4,974	2,141
Market value gains related to deferred compensation trusts		1,028		410	148	3,118
Total SG&A expenses	\$	64,554	\$	57,832	\$ 237,821	\$ 222,589
(bb) Other incomenet comprises (in thousands):	_					
	Fo	r the Three				ears Ended
		Decen	ıber .			ber 31,
	_	2015	_	2014	2015	2014
Market value gains related to deferred compensation trusts	\$	1,028	\$	410		
Loss on disposal of property and equipment		(567)		(147)	(698)	(640)
Interest income		74		(24)	281	(29)
Other	_	34	•	5	(418)	72
Total other incomenet	\$	569	\$	244	\$ (687)	\$ 2,521

CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

(in thousands, except per share data)(unaudited)

		December	31,
	2015		2014
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,		14,132
Accounts receivable less allowances	106,		124,607
Inventories	6,	14	6,168
Current deferred income taxes		-	15,414
Prepaid income taxes	10,		2,787
Prepaid expenses	12,	52	11,456
Total current assets	150,		174,564
Investments of deferred compensation plans held in trust	49,		49,147
Properties and equipment, at cost less accumulated depreciation	117,	70	105,336
Identifiable intangible assets less accumulated amortization	55,	11	56,027
Goodwill	472,	22	466,722
Other assets	7,	33	8,136
Total Assets	\$ 852,	25 \$	859,932
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 43,	95 \$	46,849
Current portion of long-term debt	7,	00	6,250
Income taxes		-	5,818
Accrued insurance	43,	72	40,814
Accrued compensation	52,	17	50,718
Accrued legal	1,	33	753
Other current liabilities	22,	19	24,352
Total current liabilities	171,	36	175,554
Deferred income taxes	21,		29,945
Long-term debt	83,	50	141,250
Deferred compensation liabilities	49,	67	48,684
Other liabilities	13,		13,143
Total Liabilities	339,		408,576
Stockholders' Equity			
Capital stock	33,	85	33,337
Paid-in capital	603,		538,845
Retained earnings	865,		771,176
Treasury stock, at cost	(991,		(894,285)
Deferred compensation payable in Company stock	• • •	95	2,283
Total Stockholders' Equity	513,		451,356
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 852,		859,932
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CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)(unaudited)

		For the Years En	ueu Dec	
		2015		2014
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	_			
Net income	\$	110,274	\$	99,317
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization		33,499		30,601
Provision for uncollectible accounts receivable		14,247		13,173
Noncash long-term incentive compensation		6,644		2,569
Provision for deferred income taxes		6,325		6,978
Stock option expense		5,445		4,802
Amortization of restricted stock awards		2,107		2,471
Directors' stock awards		540		480
Amortization of debt issuance costs		523		826
Amortization of discount on convertible notes		-		3,392
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, excluding amounts acquired in business combinations:				
Decrease/(increase) in accounts receivable		4,132		(45,785)
Decrease/(increase) in inventories		(142)		535
Decrease/(increase) in prepaid expenses		(1,290)		6,362
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable and other current liabilities		476		(26,304)
Increase in income taxes		344		11,279
Increase in other assets		(47)		(4,769)
Increase in other liabilities		1,320		8,484
Excess tax benefit on stock-based compensation		(14,042)		(5,172)
Other sources		1,145		1,040
Net cash provided by operating activities		171,500		110,279
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		171,500		110,277
Capital expenditures		(44,135)		(43,571)
Business combinations, net of cash acquired		(6,614)		(250)
		432		(230) 294
Other sources				
Net cash used by investing activities		(50,317)		(43,527)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities				
Payments on revolving line of credit		(153,200)		(336,350)
Proceeds from revolving line of credit		103,200		386,350
Purchases of treasury stock		(59,323)		(110,019)
Capital stock surrendered to pay taxes on stock-based compensation		(15,734)		(7,524)
Dividends paid		(15,605)		(14,255)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		15,424		23,910
Excess tax benefit on stock-based compensation		14,042		5,172
Payments on other long-term debt		(6,250)		(189,456)
Increase/(decrease) in cash overdrafts payable		(1,177)		9,714
Proceeds from other long-term debt		-		100,000
Retirement of warrants		-		(2,648)
Debt issuances costs		-		(914)
Other uses		(1,965)		(1,018)
Net cash used by financing activities		(120,588)		(137,038)
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		595		(70,286)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		14,132		84,418
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	\$	14,727	\$	14,132
Cash and Cash Equivalents at end of period	3	14,/4/	Ф	14,132

CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF INCOME

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

(in thousands)(unaudited)

2015		VITAS				orporate	Chemed Consolidated		
2015 Service revenues and sales		284,470	\$	114,119	\$	_	\$	398,589	
Cost of services provided and goods sold	*	215,786	<u> </u>	60,187	-	_		275,973	
Selling, general and administrative expenses (a)		23,086		29,649		11,819		64,554	
Depreciation		4,647		3,390		143		8,180	
Amortization		578		145		-		723	
Total costs and expenses		244,097		93,371		11,962		349,430	
Income/(loss) from operations		40,373		20,748		(11,962)		49,159	
Interest expense (a)		(36)		(74)		(689)		(799)	
Intercompany interest income/(expense)		2,039		884		(2,923)		-	
Other income/(expense)—net		(422)		(38)		1,029		569	
Income/(loss) before income taxes		41,954		21,520	-	(14,545)	-	48,929	
Income taxes (a)		(15,446)		(8,069)		4,515		(19,000)	
Net income/(loss)	\$	26,508	\$	13,451	\$	(10,030)	\$	29,929	
2014									
Service revenues and sales	\$	274,383	\$	105,028	\$	-	\$	379,411	
Cost of services provided and goods sold		207,424		55,978		-		263,402	
Selling, general and administrative expenses (b)		21,800		28,200		7,832		57,832	
Depreciation		4,892		2,970		148		8,010	
Amortization		62		68		-		130	
Total costs and expenses		234,178		87,216		7,980		329,374	
Income/(loss) from operations		40,205		17,812		(7,980)	-	50,037	
Interest expense (b)		(40)		(68)		(854)		(962)	
Intercompany interest income/(expense)		1,669		802		(2,471)		-	
Other income/(expense)—net		(176)		10		410		244	
Income/(loss) before income taxes		41,658		18,556		(10,895)		49,319	
Income taxes (b)		(16,116)		(7,081)		3,673		(19,524)	
Net income/(loss)	\$	25,542	\$	11,475	\$	(7,222)	\$	29,795	

CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

(in thousands)(unaudited)

2015		VITAS				Corporate		Chemed onsolidated
2015 Service revenues and sales		1,115,551	\$	427,837	\$	_	\$	1,543,388
Cost of services provided and goods sold		862,587	Ψ	225,023	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	1,087,610
Selling, general and administrative expenses (a)		89,879		114,269		33,673		237,821
Depreciation (a)		18,789		12,988		592		32,369
Amortization		758		372		-		1,130
Total costs and expenses		972,013		352,652		34,265		1,358,930
Income/(loss) from operations		143,538		75,185		(34,265)		184,458
Interest expense (a)		(200)		(348)		(3,097)		(3,645)
Intercompany interest income/(expense)		7,499		3,385		(10,884)		-
Other income/(expense)—net		(816)		(19)		148		(687)
Income/(loss) before income taxes		150,021		78,203		(48,098)		180,126
Income taxes (a)		(56,675)		(29,630)		16,453		(69,852)
Net income/(loss)	\$	93,346	\$	48,573	\$	(31,645)	\$	110,274
2014								
Service revenues and sales	\$	1,064,205	\$	392,077	\$	-	\$	1,456,282
Cost of services provided and goods sold		825,739	-	208,934		-		1,034,673
Selling, general and administrative expenses (b)		85,183		106,960		30,446		222,589
Depreciation		18,601		10,702		578		29,881
Amortization		447		273		-		720
Total costs and expenses	<u> </u>	929,970		326,869		31,024		1,287,863
Income/(loss) from operations	<u> </u>	134,235		65,208		(31,024)		168,419
Interest expense (b)		(207)		(363)		(7,616)		(8,186)
Intercompany interest income/(expense)		6,189		2,892		(9,081)		-
Other income—net		(753)		146		3,128		2,521
Income/(loss) before income taxes		139,464		67,883		(44,593)		162,754
Income taxes (b)		(53,278)		(25,808)		15,649		(63,437)
Net income/(loss)	\$	86,186	\$	42,075	\$	(28,944)	\$	99,317

CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATING SUMMARY OF EBITDA FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

(in thousands)(unaudited)

Net income/(loss) Add/(deduct): Interest expense Income taxes Depreciation Amortization EBITDA Add/(deduct): Intercompany interest expense/(income) Interest income	\$	26,508 36 15,446 4,647 578 47,215 (2,039) (61) 1,137 152	\$ 13,451 74 8,069 3,390 145 25,129 (884) (13) - 87	\$	(10,030) 689 (4,515) 143 - (13,713) 2,923	\$ 29,929 799 19,000 8,180 723 58,631
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Add/(deduct): Intercompany interest expense/(income) Interest income		(2,039) (61) 1,137	(884) (13)			-
Intercompany interest expense/(income) Interest income		(61) 1,137	(13)		2,923	- (74)
Interest income		(61) 1,137	(13)		2,923	- (74)
		1,137	-		-	(74)
		*				(, ,)
Expenses related to OIG investigation		152	97		-	1,137
Amortization of stock awards		-	0/		380	619
Acquisition expenses			11		-	11
Advertising cost adjustment (c)		-	50		-	50
Stock option expense		-	-		1,845	1,845
Long-term incentive compensation		-	-		3,764	3,764
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	46,404	\$ 24,380	\$	(4,801)	\$ 65,983
2014						
Net income/(loss)	\$	25,542	\$ 11,475	\$	(7,222)	\$ 29,795
Add/(deduct):						
Interest expense		40	68		854	962
Income taxes		16,116	7,081		(3,673)	19,524
Depreciation		4,892	2,970		148	8,010
Amortization		62	68		-	130
EBITDA		46,652	 21,662		(9,893)	58,421
Add/(deduct):						
Intercompany interest expense/(income)		(1,669)	(802)		2,471	-
Interest income		35	(10)		(1)	24
Expenses related to OIG investigation		533	-		-	533
Amortization of stock awards		143	60		397	600
Acquisition expenses		-	23		-	23
Expenses related to litigation settlements		-	16		-	16
Advertising cost adjustment (c)		-	161		-	161
Stock option expense		_	_		1,372	1,372
Long-term incentive compensation		-	_		581	581
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	45,694	\$ 21,110	\$	(5,073)	\$ 61,731

CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATING SUMMARY OF EBITDA FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014 (in thousands)(unaudited)

		VITAS	Ro	to-Rooter	C	Corporate	Chemed Consolidated		
2015			'						
Net income/(loss)	\$	93,346	\$	48,573	\$	(31,645)	\$	110,274	
Add/(deduct):									
Interest expense		200		348		3,097		3,645	
Income taxes		56,675		29,630		(16,453)		69,852	
Depreciation		18,789		12,988		592		32,369	
Amortization		758		372		-		1,130	
EBITDA		169,768		91,911		(44,409)		217,270	
Add/(deduct):									
Intercompany interest expense/(income)		(7,499)		(3,385)		10,884		-	
Interest income		(241)		(40)		-		(281)	
Expenses related to OIG investigation		4,974		-		-		4,974	
Amortization of stock awards		496		268		1,343		2,107	
Net expenses related to litigation settlements		_		5		_		5	
Acquisition expenses		_		172		_		172	
Advertising cost adjustment (c)		_		(1,317)		_		(1,317)	
Stock option expense		_		(1,517)		5,445		5,445	
Long-term incentive compensation		_		_		7,519		7,519	
Expenses related to securities litigation		_		_		37		37	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	167,498	\$	87,614	\$	(19,181)	\$	235,931	
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2014									
Net income/(loss)	\$	86,186	\$	42,075	\$	(28,944)	\$	99,317	
Add/(deduct):									
Interest expense		207		363		7,616		8,186	
Income taxes		53,278		25,808		(15,649)		63,437	
Depreciation		18,601		10,702		578		29,881	
Amortization		447		273		-		720	
EBITDA		158,719		79,221		(36,399)		201,541	
Add/(deduct):									
Intercompany interest expense/(income)		(6,189)		(2,892)		9,081		_	
Interest income		78		(39)		(10)		29	
Expenses related to OIG investigation		2,141		-		-		2,141	
Amortization of stock awards		586		252		1,633		2,471	
Net expenses related to litigation settlements		113		7		-,		120	
Acquisition expenses		1		23		_		24	
Advertising cost adjustment (c)		-		(1,462)		_		(1,462)	
Stock option expense		-		(1,102)		4,802		4,802	
Long-term incentive compensation		_		_		2,569		2,569	
Expenses related to securities litigation		-		-		327		327	
	\$	155,449	\$	75 110	\$		\$	212,562	
Adjusted EBITDA	2	133,449	3	75,110	3	(17,997)	3	212,302	

CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED NET INCOME

(in thousands, except per share data)(unaudited)

Add/(deduct) the after-tax: Long-term incentive compensation Stock option expense Expenses related to OIG investigation Acquisition expenses Net expenses related to litigation settlements Expenses related to securities litigation Non-cash expense of change in accounting for convertible debt Adjusted net income	Fo	r the Three Decemb	nded	For the Years Ended December 31,				
	201	15		2014		2015		2014
Net income as reported	\$	29,929	\$	29,795	\$	110,274	\$	99,317
Add/(deduct) the after-tax:								
Long-term incentive compensation		2,377		367		4,752		1,625
Stock option expense		1,171		863		3,439		3,022
Expenses related to OIG investigation		703		331		3,072		1,328
Acquisition expenses		6		14		104		15
Net expenses related to litigation settlements		-		10		3		74
Expenses related to securities litigation		-		-		23		207
Non-cash expense of change in accounting for convertible debt		-		_		-		2,143
Adjusted net income	\$	34,186	\$	31,380	\$	121,667	\$	107,731
Diluted Earnings Per Share As Reported								
Net income	\$	1.72	\$	1.71	\$	6.33	\$	5.57
Average number of shares outstanding		17,365		17,469	_	17,422	_	17,840
Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share								
Net income	\$	1.97	\$	1.80	\$	6.98	\$	6.07
Adjusted average number of shares outstanding (d)		17,365		17,469		17,422		17,738

CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES OPERATING STATISTICS FOR VITAS SEGMENT

(unaudited)

		For the Years Ended December 31,						
OPERATING STATISTICS		Decemb 2015		2014	_	2015	001 0	2014
Net revenue (\$000) (e)						,		
Homecare	\$	224,278	\$	209,633	\$	865,145	\$	810,413
Inpatient		22,954		25,839		99,439		102,876
Continuous care		37,238		38,405		150,802		152,206
Total before Medicare cap allowance	\$	284,470	\$	273,877	\$	1,115,386	\$	1,065,495
Medicare cap allowance		-		506		165		(1,290)
Total	\$	284,470	\$	274,383	\$	1,115,551	\$	1,064,205
Net revenue as a percent of total before Medicare cap allowance	·							
Homecare		78.8%		76.6%		77.6%		76.0 %
Inpatient		8.1		9.4		8.9		9.7
Continuous care		13.1		14.0		13.5		14.3
Total before Medicare cap allowance		100.0		100.0		100.0		100.0
Medicare cap allowance		-		0.2		-		(0.1)
Total		100.0%		100.2%		100.0%		99.9 %
		100.0	_	100.2 /0	_	100.0	_	77.7 /0
Average daily census ("ADC") (days)		11.707		10.050		11 272		10.624
Homecare		11,707		10,850		11,372		10,634
Nursing home		3,062		2,995		3,035		2,954
Routine homecare		14,769		13,845		14,407		13,588
Inpatient		377		427		412		428
Continuous care		551		566		566		568
Total		15,697		14,838		15,385	_	14,584
Total Admissions		15,790		16,313		65,872		64,090
Total Discharges		15,915		16,333		64,900		63,478
Average length of stay (days)		89.8		82.7		81.6		82.4
Median length of stay (days)		17.0		15.0		15.0		15.0
ADC by major diagnosis								
Neurological		22.8%		25.4%		23.2%		30.1 %
Cancer		15.6		17.2		16.4		17.3
Cardio		17.4		17.8		17.4		17.0
Cerebro		29.9		26.4		29.1		20.6
Respiratory		7.7		7.8		7.8		7.9
Other		6.6		5.4		6.1		7.1
Total		100.0%		100.0%		100.0%		100.0 %
Admissions by major diagnosis						:		
Neurological		12.1%		13.2%		12.3%		18.6 %
Cancer		31.5		33.1		32.0		33.3
Cardio		15.2		15.2		15.3		14.9
Cerebro		19.7		17.7		19.0		11.5
Respiratory		9.5		9.3		9.9		9.4
Other		12.0		11.5		11.5		12.3
Total		100.0%		100.0%		100.0%	_	100.0 %
Direct patient care margins (f)			_		_		_	
Routine homecare		54.7%		54.9%		53.4%		53.8 %
Inpatient		1.3		7.2		5.0		5.8
Continuous care		16.1		18.2		16.1		17.4
Homecare margin drivers (dollars per patient day)		10.1		10.2		10.1		17.4
Labor costs	\$	53.96	\$	53.06	\$	55.58	\$	53.99
Drug costs		6.63	φ	6.90	φ	6.68	Ф	7.01
		6.61		6.41		6.57		6.61
Home medical equipment Medical supplies		2.84		3.10		2.90		3.18
		2.04		3.10		2.90		3.10
Inpatient margin drivers (dollars per patient day) Labor costs	e.	259 52	¢	327 52	e	350.06	¢	339.90
Continuous care margin drivers (dollars per patient day)	\$	358.52	\$	327.53	\$	330.00	\$	337.70
	¢.	506 21	•	502 60	•	502 40	\$	585.61
Labor costs	\$	596.21	\$	582.69	\$	592.48	Ф	
Bad debt expense as a percent of revenues Accounts receivable		1.0%		1.0%		1.0%		1.0 %
Days of revenue outstanding- excluding unapplied Medicare payments		37.5		38.9		n -		** ^
Days of revenue outstanding- excluding unapplied Medicare payments		26.7		33.6		n.a. n.a.		n.a. n.a.
Days of revenue outstanding- including unapplied included payments		20.7		33.0		п.а.		п.а.

CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES FOOTNOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE THREE MONTHS AND YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2015

(unaudited)

(a) Included in the results of operations 2015 are the following significant credits/(charges) which may not be indicative of ongoing operations (in thousands):

		For the Three Months Ended December 31, 201: VITAS Roto-Rooter Corporate										
	VITAS	Roto	-Rooter	C	orporate	Co	nsolidated					
Selling, general and administrative expenses:												
Expenses related to OIG investigation	\$ (1,137)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(1,137)					
Acquisition expenses	-		(11)		-		(11)					
Long-term incentive compensation	-		-		(3,764)		(3,764)					
Stock option expense	-		-		(1,845)		(1,845)					
Pretax impact on earnings	(1,137)		(11)		(5,609)	-	(6,757)					
Income tax benefit on the above	434		5		2,061		2,500					
After-tax impact on earnings	\$ (703)	\$	(6)	\$	(3,548)	\$	(4,257)					
		For the Year Ended December 31, 2015										
	VITAS	Roto	o-Rooter	Corporate		Consolidated						
Selling, general and administrative expenses:					_							
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	VI	TAS	Roto	o-Rooter	C	orporate	Consolidated		
Selling, general and administrative expenses:									
Expenses related to OIG investigation	\$	(4,974)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(4,974)	
Net expenses related to litigation settlements		-		(5)		-		(5)	
Acquisition expenses		-		(172)		-		(172)	
Long-term incentive compensation		-		-		(7,519)		(7,519)	
Stock option expense		-		-		(5,445)		(5,445)	
Expenses related to securities litigation		-		-		(37)		(37)	
Pretax impact on earnings		(4,974)		(177)		(13,001)		(18,152)	
Income tax benefit on the above		1,902		70		4,787		6,759	
After-tax impact on earnings	\$	(3,072)	\$	(107)	\$	(8,214)	\$	(11,393)	
	·								

(b) Included in the results of operations 2014 are the following significant credits/(charges) which may not be indicative of ongoing operations (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended December 31, 2014							
	VITAS		Roto-Rooter		Corporate		Consolidated	
Selling, general and administrative expenses:								
Expenses related to OIG investigation	\$	(533)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(533)
Acquisition expenses		-		(23)		-		(23)
Expenses related to litigation settlements		-		(16)		-		(16)
Stock option expense		-		-		(1,372)		(1,372)
Long-term incentive compensation		-		-		(581)		(581)
Pretax impact on earnings		(533)		(39)		(1,953)		(2,525)
Income tax benefit on the above		202		15		723		940
After-tax impact on earnings	\$	(331)	\$	(24)	\$	(1,230)	\$	(1,585)
	For the Year Ended December 31, 2014							
	VITAS		Roto-Rooter		Corporate		Consolidated	
Selling, general and administrative expenses:								
Expenses related to OIG investigation	\$	(2,141)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(2,141)
Net expenses related to litigation settlements		(113)		(7)		-		(120)
Acquisition expenses		(1)		(23)		-		(24)
Stock option expense		-		-		(4,802)		(4,802)
Long-term incentive compensation		-		-		(2,569)		(2,569)
Expenses related to securities litigation		-		-		(327)		(327)
Interest expense:								
Non-cash expense of change in accounting for convertible debt		-		-		(3,389)		(3,389)
Pretax impact on earnings		(2,255)		(30)		(11,087)		(13,372)
Income tax benefit on the above		856		12		4,090		4,958
After-tax impact on earnings	\$	(1,399)	\$	(18)	\$	(6,997)	\$	(8,414)

(c) Under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"), the Roto-Rooter segment expenses all advertising, including the cost of telephone directories, immediately upon the initial release of the advertising. Telephone directories are generally in circulation 12 months. If a directory is in circulation for a time period greater or less than 12 months, the publisher adjusts the directory billing for the change in billing period. The timing of when a telephone directory is published can and does fluctuate significantly on a quarterly basis. This "direct expensing" results in significant fluctuations in quarterly advertising expense. In the fourth quarters of 2015 and 2014, GAAP advertising expense for Roto-Rooter totaled \$6,952,000 and \$6,596,000, respectively. If the expense of the telephone directories were spread over the periods they are in circulation, advertising expense for the fourth quarters of 2015 and 2014 would total \$6,902,000 and \$6,435,000, respectively.

Similarly, for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, GAAP advertising expense for Roto-Rooter totaled \$25,438,000 and \$24,804,000, respectively. If the expense of the telephone directories were spread over the periods they are in circulation, advertising expense for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 would total \$26,755,000 and \$26,266,000, respectively.

- (d) Adjusted diluted average shares outstanding excludes the estimated dilutive impact of the convertible notes prior to conversion of these notes on May 15, 2014 (impact of 102,000 shares for the year ended December 31, 2014) as this impact was entirely offset upon the exercise of the note hedges on May 15, 2014.
- (e) VITAS has 8 large (greater than 450 ADC), 19 medium (greater than 200 but less than 450 ADC) and 17 small (less than 200 ADC) hospice programs. For the current Medicare cap year there are no programs with a cap liability and four programs with Medicare cap cushion of less than 10%.
- (f) Amounts exclude indirect patient care and administrative costs, as well as Medicare Cap billing limitation.

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