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 14, 2018

CHEMED CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

1-8351

31-0791746

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification
incorporation)		Number)
Suite 2600, 255 East 5th Street, Cir	cinnati, OH	45202
(Address of principal executive	offices)	(Zip Code)
	Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (513) 762-6690	
Check the appropriate box below if the Forunder any of the following provisions (see	m 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously sa General Instruction A.2 below):	atisfy the filing obligation of the registrant
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On February 14, 2018 Chemed Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2017. 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 14, 2017

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 14, 2018 By: /s/ Michael D. Witzeman

Michael D. Witzeman Vice President and Controller

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Chemed Reports Fourth-Quarter 2017 Results

CINCINNATI--(BUSINESS WIRE)--February 14, 2018--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, 2017, versus the comparable prior-year period, as follows:

Consolidated operating results:

- Revenue increased 6.2% to \$428 million
- GAAP Diluted Earnings-per-Share of \$3.25, an increase of 67.5%
- Adjusted Diluted EPS of \$2.32, an increase of 10.5%

VITAS segment operating results:

- Net Patient Revenue of \$292 million, an increase of 2.8%
- Average Daily Census (ADC) of 16,920, an increase of 4.7%
- Admissions of 16,575, an increase of 4.3%
- Net Income of \$42.8 million, an increase of 62.2%
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$47.5 million, an increase of 2.7%

Roto-Rooter segment operating results:

- Revenue of \$136 million, an increase of 14.1%
- Net Income of \$25.6 million, an increase of 87.0%
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$31.1 million, an increase of 24.2%
- Adjusted EBITDA margin of 22.8%, an increase of 185 basis points

VITAS

Net revenue for VITAS was \$292 million in the fourth quarter of 2017, which is an increase of 2.8%, when compared to the prior-year period. This revenue increase is comprised of a geographically weighted average Medicare reimbursement rate increase of approximately 0.8%, a 4.7% increase in average daily census, offset by Medicare Cap which reduced revenue 0.9% and acuity mix shift which negatively impacted revenue 1.7%, when compared to the prior-year period.

In the fourth quarter of 2017, VITAS had a 24.3/75.7 RHC Days-of-Care ratio and generated approximately \$1.3 million in SIA revenue. This compares to a fourth-quarter 2016 RHC Days-of-Care ratio of 24.2/75.8 and SIA revenue of \$1.2 million.

VITAS recorded \$2.4 million in Medicare Cap billing limitations for two programs in the quarter, all of which are related to the 2018 Medicare Cap billing period.

At December 31, 2017, VITAS had 30 Medicare provider numbers, two of which have an estimated 2018 Medicare Cap billing limitation.

Of VITAS' 30 unique Medicare provider numbers, 25 provider numbers have a Medicare Cap cushion of 10% or greater, three provider numbers have a cap cushion between 5% and 10% and two provider numbers have a Medicare Cap liability on a trailing twelve-month period.

Average revenue per patient per day in the quarter was \$189.33, which is 1.0% below the prior-year period. Routine home care reimbursement and high acuity care averaged \$163.50 and \$713.35, respectively. During the quarter, high acuity days of care were 4.7% of total days of care, 58 basis points less than the prior-year quarter.

The fourth quarter of 2017 gross margin, excluding Medicare Cap, was 24.5%, which is a 41-basis point improvement when compared to the fourth quarter of 2016.

Selling, general and administrative expense was \$22.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2017, which is a decrease of 3.2% compared to the prior-year quarter. Adjusted EBITDA, excluding Medicare Cap, totaled \$49.9 million in the quarter, an increase of 7.9%. Adjusted EBITDA margin, excluding Medicare Cap, was 16.9% in the quarter which is a 66 basis point improvement when compared to the prior-year period.

Roto-Rooter

Roto-Rooter's plumbing and drain cleaning business generated sales of \$136 million for the fourth quarter of 2017, an increase of \$16.8 million, or 14.1%, over the prior-year quarter. Revenue from water restoration totaled \$22.1 million, an increase of \$8.4 million or, 61.7%, when compared to the prior-year quarter.

Roto-Rooter's gross margin in the quarter was 49.3%, a 241 basis point improvement when compared to the fourth quarter of 2016. Adjusted EBITDA in the fourth quarter of 2017 totaled \$31.1 million, an increase of 24.2%, and the Adjusted EBITDA margin was 22.8% in the quarter, 185 basis points higher than the prior year.

Chemed Consolidated

As of December 31, 2017, Chemed had total cash and cash equivalents of \$11 million and debt of \$101 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, 2017, the Company had approximately \$288 million of undrawn borrowing capacity under this credit agreement.

The Company did not repurchase any shares of Chemed stock in the quarter. Chemed repurchased a total of 500,000 shares in 2017 for \$95 million which equates to a cost per share of \$189.28. As of December 31, 2017, there was \$55.5 million of remaining share repurchase authorization under this plan.

Guidance for 2018

Revenue growth for VITAS in 2018, prior to Medicare Cap, is estimated to be in the range of 2.5% to 3.5%. Admissions and Average Daily Census in 2018 are estimated to expand approximately 3% to 4% and full-year Adjusted EBITDA margin, prior to Medicare Cap, is estimated to be 15.4%. We are currently estimating \$5.0 million for Medicare Cap billing limitations in the 2018 calendar year.

Roto-Rooter is forecasted to achieve full-year 2018 revenue growth of 4.0% to 5.0%. This revenue estimate is based upon increased job pricing of approximately 2% and continued growth in water restoration services. Adjusted EBITDA margin for 2018 is estimated at 22.3%.

Based upon the above, full-year 2018 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 \$10.60 to \$10.85. This compares to Chemed's 2017 reported adjusted earnings per diluted share of \$8.43. This 2018 guidance assumes an effective corporate tax rate of 25.7%.

Conference Call

Chemed will host a conference call and webcast at 10 a.m., ET, on Thursday, February 15, 2018, to discuss the Company's quarterly results and to provide an update on its business. The dial-in number for the conference call is (844) 743-2500 for U.S. and Canadian participants and +1 (661) 378-9533 for international participants. The participant passcode/Conference ID is 3768588. 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 (855) 859-2056 for U.S. and Canadian callers and +1 (404) 537-3406 for international callers and will be available for one week following the live call. The replay Conference ID is 3768588. 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 16,500 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, drain cleaning, and water restoration services 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 STATEMENTS OF INCOME (in thousands, except per share data)(unaudited)

		iree Months Ei	ıded De	cember 31,		For the Years En	ıded De	cember 31,
		2017		2016		2017		2016
Service revenues and sales	\$	428,357	\$	403,476	\$	1,666,724	\$	1,576,881
Cost of services provided and goods sold		291,493		279,083		1,150,532		1,115,431
Selling, general and administrative expenses (aa)		71,621		62,526		276,652		243,572
Depreciation		8,943		8,660		35,488		34,279
Amortization		26		85		137		359
Other operating expenses		(258)		-		90,880		4,491
Total costs and expenses		371,825		350,354		1,553,689		1,398,132
Income from operations		56,532		53,122		113,035		178,749
Interest expense		(1,108)		(884)		(4,272)		(3,715)
Other incomenet (bb)		2,715		87		8,154		2,020
Income before income taxes		58,139		52,325		116,917		177,054
Income taxes		(3,587)		(20,136)		(18,740)		(68,311)
Net income	<u>\$</u>	54,552	\$	32,189	\$	98,177	\$	108,743
Earnings Per Share								
Net income	\$	3.40	\$	1.99	\$	6.11	\$	6.64
	Ψ	16,026	Ψ	16,206	Ψ	16,057	Ψ	16,383
Average number of shares outstanding		16,026		10,200	_	10,057		10,383
Diluted Earnings Per Share	¢	2.25	¢.	1.04	¢	F 0C	¢	C 40
Net income	<u> </u>	3.25	\$	1.94	3	5.86	\$	6.48
Average number of shares outstanding		16,776		16,598		16,742		16,789
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CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (in thousands)(unaudited)

	December 31, 2017 2016				
		2017		2016	
Assets					
Current assets	_		_		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	11,121	\$	15,310	
Accounts receivable less allowances		113,651		132,021	
Inventories		5,334		5,755	
Prepaid income taxes		29,848		3,709	
Prepaid expenses		16,092		13,105	
Total current assets		176,046		169,900	
Investments of deferred compensation plans held in trust		62,067		54,389	
Properties and equipment, at cost less accumulated depreciation		143,034		121,302	
Identifiable intangible assets less accumulated amortization		54,865		55,065	
Goodwill		476,887		472,366	
Other assets		7,127		7,037	
Total Assets	\$	920,026	\$	880,059	
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Liabilities					
Current liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$	48,372	\$	39,586	
Current portion of long-term debt		10,000		8,750	
Accrued insurance		46,968		47,960	
Accrued compensation		62,933		53,979	
Accrued legal		1,786		1,805	
Other current liabilities		23,463		19,752	
Total current liabilities		193,522		171,832	
Deferred income taxes		16,640		14,291	
Long-term debt		91,200		100,000	
Deferred compensation liabilities		61,800		54,288	
Other liabilities		16,510		15,549	
Total Liabilities		379,672		355,960	
Stockholders' Equity					
Capital stock		34,732		34,270	
Paid-in capital		695,797		639,703	
Retained earnings		1,038,955		958,149	
Treasury stock, at cost		(1,231,332)		(1,110,536)	
Deferred compensation payable in Company stock		2,202		2,513	
Total Stockholders' Equity		540,354		524,099	
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$	920,026	\$	880,059	
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CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (in thousands)(unaudited)

	For	the Years Ended De	ecember 31,
	2017		2016
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Net income	\$	98,177 \$	108,743
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided			
by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization		35,625	34,638
Provision for uncollectible accounts receivable		17,306	16,319
Stock option expense		10,485	8,330
Loss on sale of transportation equipment		5,266	-
Noncash long-term incentive compensation		3,774	1,301
Provision/(benefit) for deferred income taxes		2,407	(6,707)
Amortization of restricted stock awards		1,231	1,855
Noncash directors' compensation		766	541
Amortization of debt issuance costs		516	519
Noncash early retirement expense		-	1,747
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, excluding			
amounts acquired in business combinations:			
(Increase)/decrease in accounts receivable		1,072	(42,142)
Decrease in inventories		421	559
Increase in prepaid expenses		(2,987)	(253)
Increase in accounts payable and			
other current liabilities		12,890	891
(Decrease)/increase in income taxes		(26,104)	13,886
Increase in other assets		(8,330)	(5,224)
Increase in other liabilities		8,561	7,105
Excess tax benefit on share-based compensation		-	(7,195)
Other sources		1,419	480
Net cash provided by operating activities		162,495	135,393
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Capital expenditures		(64,300)	(39,772)
Business combinations, net of cash acquired		(4,725)	· -
Other sources/(uses)		1,417	(90)
Net cash used by investing activities		(67,608)	(39,862)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Proceeds from revolving line of credit		261,650	184,550
Payments on revolving line of credit		(260,450)	(159,550)
Purchases of treasury stock		(94,640)	(102,313)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		27,092	8,421
Dividends paid		(17,371)	(16,439)
Capital stock surrendered to pay taxes on stock-based compensation		(14,223)	(8,772)
Payments on other long-term debt		(8,750)	(7,500)
Decrease in cash overdrafts payable		6,700	(736)
Excess tax benefit on share-based compensation		· -	7,195
Other sources		916	196
Net cash used by financing activities		(99,076)	(94,948)
(Decrease)/Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(4,189)	583
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		15,310	14,727
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u> </u>	11,121 \$	15,310
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CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF INCOME FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016 (in thousands)(unaudited)

		VITAS	р	loto-Rooter	Corporate		Chemed Consolidated		
2017	-	VIIAS		toto-Rootei		orporate		iisoiidated	
Service revenues and sales (a)	- \$	292,283	\$	136,074	\$	_	\$	428,357	
Cost of services provided and goods sold		222,497		68,996				291,493	
Selling, general and administrative expenses (a)		22,607		35,330		13,684		71,621	
Depreciation		4,568		4,344		31		8,943	
Amortization		· -		26		-		26	
Other operating expenses (a)		(5,524)		-		5,266		(258)	
Total costs and expenses		244,148		108,696		18,981	-	371,825	
Income/(loss) from operations		48,135		27,378		(18,981)		56,532	
Interest expense		(27)		(65)		(1,016)		(1,108)	
Intercompany interest income/(expense)		3,177		1,562		(4,739)		_	
Other income/(expense)—net		(31)		(64)		2,810		2,715	
Income/(loss) before income taxes		51,254		28,811		(21,926)	-	58,139	
Income taxes (a)		(8,406)		(3,228)		8,047		(3,587)	
Net income/(loss)	\$	42,848	\$	25,583	\$	(13,879)	\$	54,552	
2016									
Service revenues and sales (b)	\$	284,186	\$	119,290	\$	-	\$	403,476	
Cost of services provided and goods sold		215,722		63,361		-		279,083	
Selling, general and administrative expenses (b)		23,354		30,922		8,250		62,526	
Depreciation		4,690		3,838		132		8,660	
Amortization		14		71		-		85	
Total costs and expenses		243,780		98,192		8,382		350,354	
Income/(loss) from operations		40,406		21,098		(8,382)	-	53,122	
Interest expense		(35)		(68)		(781)		(884)	
Intercompany interest income/(expense)		2,130		981		(3,111)		-	
Other income/(expense)—net		(57)		(60)		204		87	
Income/(loss) before income taxes		42,444		21,951		(12,070)		52,325	
Income taxes (b)		(16,023)		(8,272)		4,159		(20,136)	
Net income/(loss)	\$	26,421	\$	13,679	\$	(7,911)	\$	32,189	

CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF INCOME FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016 (in thousands)(unaudited)

							Chemed
	VITAS	Ro	to-Rooter	C	orporate	C	onsolidated
2017							
Service revenues and sales (a)	\$ 1,148,260	\$	518,464	\$	-	\$	1,666,724
Cost of services provided and goods sold	886,062		264,470		-		1,150,532
Selling, general and administrative expenses (a)	95,215		136,248		45,189		276,652
Depreciation	18,616		16,667		205		35,488
Amortization	14		123		-		137
Other operating expenses (a)	85,614		-		5,266		90,880
Total costs and expenses	1,085,521		417,508		50,660		1,553,689
Income/(loss) from operations	62,739		100,956		(50,660)		113,035
Interest expense	(188)		(323)		(3,761)		(4,272)
Intercompany interest income/(expense)	11,656		5,596		(17,252)		-
Other income/(expense)—net	(126)		(148)		8,428		8,154
Income/(loss) before income taxes	74,081		106,081		(63,245)		116,917
Income taxes (a)	(16,436)		(32,782)		30,478		(18,740)
Net income/(loss)	\$ 57,645	\$	73,299	\$	(32,767)	\$	98,177
2016							
Service revenues and sales (b)	\$ 1,123,317	\$	453,564	\$	-	\$	1,576,881
Cost of services provided and goods sold	878,092		237,339		-		1,115,431
Selling, general and administrative expenses (b)	92,550		118,812		32,210		243,572
Depreciation	19,035		14,698		546		34,279
Amortization	55		304		-		359
Other operating expenses (b)	4,491		-		-		4,491
Total costs and expenses	994,223		371,153		32,756		1,398,132
Income/(loss) from operations	129,094		82,411		(32,756)		178,749
Interest expense	(211)		(332)		(3,172)		(3,715)
Intercompany interest income/(expense)	7,969		3,595		(11,564)		-
Other income/(expense)—net	19		(62)		2,063		2,020
Income/(loss) before income taxes	 136,871		85,612		(45,429)		177,054
Income taxes (b)	(51,910)		(32,719)		16,318		(68,311)
Net income/(loss)	\$ 84,961	\$	52,893	\$	(29,111)	\$	108,743

CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATING SUMMARIES OF EBITDA FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016 (in thousands)(unaudited)

		VITAS	Roto-Rooter			orporate	Chemed Consolidated		
2017		42.040	Φ.	25 502	•	(42.050)		54.550	
Net income/(loss)	\$	42,848	\$	25,583	\$	(13,879)	\$	54,552	
Add/(deduct):		27		C.F.		1.016		1 100	
Interest expense		27		65		1,016		1,108	
Income taxes		8,406		3,228		(8,047)		3,587	
Depreciation		4,568		4,344		31		8,943	
Amortization	_			26		<u>-</u> _		26	
EBITDA		55,849		33,246		(20,879)		68,216	
Add/(deduct):									
Intercompany interest expense/(income)		(3,177)		(1,562)		4,739		-	
Interest income		(121)		(10)		-		(131)	
Litigation settlement		(5,524)		-		-		(5,524)	
Loss on sale of transportation equipment		-		-		5,266		5,266	
Medicare cap sequestration adjustment		342		-		-		342	
Expenses related to OIG investigation		16		-		-		16	
Amortization of stock awards		71		66		160		297	
Advertising cost adjustment (c)		-		(664)		-		(664)	
Stock option expense		-		-		2,747		2,747	
Long-term incentive compensation		-		-		1,973		1,973	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	47,456	\$	31,076	\$	(5,994)	\$	72,538	
2016									
Net income/(loss)	\$	26,421	\$	13,679	\$	(7,911)	\$	32,189	
Add/(deduct):									
Interest expense		35		68		781		884	
Income taxes		16,023		8,272		(4,159)		20,136	
Depreciation		4,690		3,838		132		8,660	
Amortization		14		71		_		85	
EBITDA		47,183		25,928		(11,157)		61,954	
Add/(deduct):									
Intercompany interest expense/(income)		(2,130)		(981)		3,111		-	
Interest income		(69)		(13)		-		(82)	
Expenses related to OIG investigation		1,155		-		_		1,155	
Amortization of stock awards		86		76		279		441	
Advertising cost adjustment (c)		-		20		-		20	
Litigation settlement costs		-		1		-		1	
Stock option expense		-		-		2,071		2,071	
Long-term incentive compensation		-		_		1,029		1,029	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	46,225	\$	25,031	\$	(4,667)	\$	66,589	

CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATING SUMMARIES OF EBITDA FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016 (in thousands)(unaudited)

		VITAS			C	orporate	Chemed Consolidated	
2017 Net income/(loss)		57,645	\$	73,299	\$	(32,767)	\$	98,177
Add/(deduct):	Ф	57,045	Э	73,299	Ф	(32,/0/)	Ф	90,1//
Interest expense		188		323		3,761		4,272
Income taxes		16,436		32,782		(30,478)		18,740
Depreciation		18,616		16,667		205		35,488
Amortization		10,010		123		205		35,466 137
EBITDA		92,899				(50.370)		
		92,899		123,194		(59,279)		156,814
Add/(deduct):		(44.050)		(F. FOC)		45.050		
Intercompany interest expense/(income)		(11,656)		(5,596)		17,252		-
Interest income		(388)		(39)		-		(427)
Litigation settlement		84,476		213		-		84,689
Medicare cap sequestration adjustment		447		-		-		447
Loss on sale of transportation equipment		-		-		5,266		5,266
Program closure expenses		1,138		-		-		1,138
Expenses related to OIG investigation		5,194						5,194
Amortization of stock awards		291		269		670		1,230
Advertising cost adjustment (c)		-		(1,371)				(1,371)
Stock option expense		-		-		10,485		10,485
Long-term incentive compensation				-		4,994		4,994
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	172,401	\$	116,670	\$	(20,612)	\$	268,459
2016								
Net income/(loss)	\$	84,961	\$	52,893	\$	(29,111)	\$	108,743
Add/(deduct):								
Interest expense		211		332		3,172		3,715
Income taxes		51,910		32,719		(16,318)		68,311
Depreciation		19,035		14,698		546		34,279
Amortization		55		304		-		359
EBITDA		156,172		100,946		(41,711)		215,407
Add/(deduct):						,		
Intercompany interest expense/(income)		(7,969)		(3,595)		11,564		-
Interest income		(325)		(58)		· -		(383)
Early retirement expenses		4,491		-		_		4,491
Expenses related to OIG investigation		5,260		_		_		5,260
Amortization of stock awards		387		307		1,161		1,855
Medicare cap sequestration adjustment		228				-,		228
Advertising cost adjustment (c)				(1,333)		_		(1,333)
Net expenses related to litigation settlements		1,149		45		_		1,194
Long-term incentive compensation		-,		-		1,930		1,930
Stock option expense		_		_		8,330		8,330
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	159,393	\$	96,312	\$	(18,726)	\$	236,979
Injusted DILDII	Ψ	100,000	<u> </u>	30,312	<u> </u>	(10,720)	Ψ	250,575

CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED NET INCOME (in thousands, except per share data)(unaudited)

		Three Months Ende	d December 3	For the Years Ended December 31,					
		2017	2	2016		2017		2016	
Net income as reported	\$	54,552	\$	32,189	\$	98,177	\$	108,743	
Add/(deduct) after-tax cost of:									
Excess tax benefits on stock compensation		(10,811)		-		(18,932)		-	
Impact of tax reform		(8,302)		-		(8,302)		-	
Litigation settlement		(3,425)		-		52,504		-	
Loss on sale of transportation equipment		3,314		-		3,314		-	
Stock option expense		2,000		1,308		6,892		5,266	
Long-term incentive compensation		1,332		651		3,243		1,221	
Expenses of OIG investigation		9		713		3,207		3,248	
Program closure expenses		-		-		675		-	
Expenses related to litigation settlements		-		1		-		28	
Medicare cap sequestration adjustments		211		-		276		141	
Early retirement expenses				<u>-</u>		-		2,840	
Adjusted net income	\$	38,880	\$	34,862	\$	141,054	\$	121,487	
Diluted Earnings Per Share As Reported									
Net income	\$	3.25	\$	1.94	\$	5.86	\$	6.48	
Average number of shares outstanding		16,776		16,598		16,742		16,789	
Average number of shares outstanding		10,770		10,590		10,742		10,709	
Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share									
Adjusted net income	\$	2.32	\$	2.10	\$	8.43	\$	7.24	
Average number of shares outstanding		16,776		16,598		16,742		16,789	

CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES OPERATING STATISTICS FOR VITAS SEGMENT (unaudited)

	٦	Three Months	Ended F	December 31		For	the Years En	ded Dec	ember 31	
OPERATING STATISTICS		2017	L	2016			017	2016		
Net revenue (\$000) (d)			_		_					
Homecare	\$	242,554		\$ 228,463		\$	935,913	\$	887,940	
Inpatient		22,033		23,724			90,472		97,580	
Continuous care		30,131		31,999			124,557	_	138,025	
Total before Medicare cap allowance	\$	294,718		\$ 284,186	5	§ 1	1,150,942	\$	1,123,545	
Medicare cap allowance	\$	(2,435)		\$ 284,186	-	5 1	(2,682)	\$	(228) 1,123,317	
Total	<u> </u>	292,203	-	\$ 204,100	= =)	1,148,260	.	1,123,317	
Net revenue as a percent of total before Medicare cap allowance		02.2	0/	00	4 0/		01.2 0/		70.0 0/	
Homecare Inpatient		82.3 7.5	%	8.3	4 %		81.2 % 7.9		78.9 % 8.7	
Continuous care		10.2		11.3			10.9		12.4	
Total before Medicare cap allowance		100.0	-	100.0			100.0		100.0	
Medicare cap allowance		(0.8)		100.0	-		(0.2)		-	
Total		99.2	%	100.0	-) % -		99.8 %		100.0 %	
Average daily census ("ADC") (days)			-					_		
Homecare		12,861		12,24	1		12,549		12,040	
Nursing home		3,265		3,065			3,177		3,037	
Routine homecare	-	16,126	_	15,300	5		15,726	-	15,077	
Inpatient		342		383	3		354		400	
Continuous care		452	_	471	1		470		515	
Total		16,920	_	16,160) _		16,550		15,992	
			_				<u>.</u>			
Total Admissions		16,575		15,889			66,449		65,094	
Total Discharges		16,553		16,282			65,637		64,689	
Average length of stay (days)		91.4		91.4			88.8		86.7	
Median length of stay (days)		16.0		16.0)		16.0		16.0	
ADC by major diagnosis		20.1	0/	22	4 0/		25.5 0/		22.7 0/	
Cerebro Neurological		36.1 18.5	%	33.4 20.3	4 %		35.5 % 19.2		32.7 % 21.1	
Cardio		16.4		16.9			16.5		17.1	
Cancer		14.1		15.4			14.6		15.3	
Respiratory		8.0		7.8			7.9		7.8	
Other		6.9		6.2			6.3		6.0	
Total		100.0	%	100.0) %		100.0 %		100.0 %	
Admissions by major diagnosis			=					-	 -	
Cerebro		22.3	%	21.6	5 %		22.0 %		21.0 %	
Neurological		10.7		11.3	3		10.6		11.0	
Cancer		30.0		32.2			30.6		31.8	
Cardio		14.9		16.0			15.0		15.4	
Respiratory		10.7		10.8			10.8		10.2	
Other		11.4		8.1			11.0		10.6	
Total		100.0	% =	100.0) % _		100.0 %		100.0 %	
Direct patient care margins (e)		=0.0	0.4	5 0.4	. 0/		= 2.0.0/		53.4 0/	
Routine homecare			%		1 %		52.6 %		52.1 %	
Inpatient Continuous care		8.5 16.8		1.2 15.8			5.4 16.9		2.3 14.2	
Homecare margin drivers (dollars per patient day)		10.0		13.0	,		10.5		14,2	
Labor costs	\$	55.65		\$ 56.11	1 :	\$	56.80	\$	56.41	
Combined drug, home medical equipment and	•					•		-		
medical supplies cost		14.30		14.99)		14.65		15.66	
Inpatient margin drivers (dollars per patient day)										
Labor costs	\$	355.96		\$ 363.06	5 S	\$	366.41	\$	350.56	
Continuous care margin drivers (dollars per patient day)										
Labor costs	\$	583.45		\$ 602.30		\$	584.49	\$	607.52	
Bad debt expense as a percent of revenues		1.1	%	1.2	2 %		1.1 %		1.2 %	
Accounts receivable		20.5		20.	_		_			
Days of revenue outstanding- excluding unapplied Medicare payments Days of revenue outstanding- including unapplied Medicare payments		33.7 25.0		36.5 32.6			n.a.		n.a.	
Days of revenue outstanding-including unapplied intedicate payments		23.0		32.0	J		n.a.		n.a.	

CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES FOOTNOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE THREE MONTHS AND YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

(unaudited)

(a) Included in the results of operations for 2017 are the following significant credits/(charges) which may not be indicative of ongoing operations (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended December 31, 2017									
	 VITAS	Rot	to-Rooter	С	orporate		Consolidated			
Service revenues and sales:	 	_								
Medicare cap sequestration adjustment	\$ (342)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(342)			
Selling, general and administrative expenses:										
Expenses related to OIG investigation	(16)		-		-		(16)			
Stock option expense	-		-		(2,747)		(2,747)			
Long-term incentive compensation	-		-		(1,973)		(1,973)			
Other operating expenses:										
Litigation settlements	5,524		-		-		5,524			
Loss on sale of transportation equipment	-		-		(5,266)		(5,266)			
Pretax impact on earnings	 5,166		-		(9,986)		(4,820)			
Impact of tax reform	11,057		7,761		(10,516)		8,302			
Excess tax benefits on stock compensation	-		-		10,811		10,811			
Income tax benefit on the above	(1,961)		-		3,340		1,379			
After-tax impact on earnings	\$ 14,262	\$	7,761	\$	(6,351)	\$	15,672			
		I	or the Year E	nded Dec	ember 31, 201	7				
	 VITAS		to-Rooter	Corporate			Consolidated			
Service revenues and sales:	 				-					
Medicare cap sequestration adjustment	\$ (447)	\$	-	\$	_	\$	(447)			
Selling, general and administrative expenses:							` ′			
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	 VITAS	Roto-Rooter		C	Corporate		nsolidated
Service revenues and sales:							
Medicare cap sequestration adjustment	\$ (447)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(447)
Selling, general and administrative expenses:							
Expenses related to OIG investigation	(5,194)		-		-		(5,194)
Stock option expense	-		-		(10,485)		(10,485)
Long-term incentive compensation	-		-		(4,994)		(4,994)
Other operating expenses:							
Litigation settlements	(84,476)		(213)		-		(84,689)
Loss on sale of transportation equipment	-		-		(5,266)		(5,266)
Program closure expenses	 (1,138)		-				(1,138)
Pretax impact on earnings	(91,255)		(213)	· •	(20,745)		(112,213)
Impact of tax reform	11,057		7,761		(10,516)		8,302
Excess tax benefits on stock compensation	-		-		18,932		18,932
Income tax benefit on the above	34,722		84		7,296		42,102
After-tax impact on earnings	\$ (45,476)	\$	7,632	\$	(5,033)	\$	(42,877)

(b) Included in the results of operations for 2016 are the following significant credits/(charges) which may not be indicative of ongoing operations (in thousands):

		For the Three Months Ended December 31, 2016						
	VITAS		Roto-Rooter		Corporate		Consolidated	
Selling, general and administrative expenses:								
Expenses related to OIG investigation	\$	(1,155)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(1,155)
Expenses related to litigation settlements		-		(1)		-		(1)
Stock option expense		-		-		(2,071)		(2,071)
Long-term incentive compensation		-		-		(1,029)		(1,029)
Pretax impact on earnings		(1,155)		(1)		(3,100)		(4,256)
Income tax benefit on the above		442		-		1,141		1,583
After-tax impact on earnings	\$	(713)	\$	(1)	\$	(1,959)	\$	(2,673)

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2016							
	VITAS		Roto-Rooter		Corporate		Consolidated	
Service revenues and sales:	<u> </u>							
Medicare cap sequestration adjustment	\$	(228)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(228)
Selling, general and administrative expenses:								
Expenses related to OIG investigation		(5,260)		-		-		(5,260)
Expenses related to litigation settlements		-		(45)		-		(45)
Stock option expense		-		-		(8,330)		(8,330)
Long-term incentive compensation		-		-	(1,930)		(1,930)	
Other operating expenses:								
Early retirement expenses		(4,491)		-		-		(4,491)
Pretax impact on earnings		(9,979)		(45)		(10,260)		(20,284)
Income tax benefit on the above		3,750		17		3,773		7,540
After-tax impact on earnings	\$	(6,229)	\$	(28)	\$	(6,487)	\$	(12,744)

(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 2017 and 2016, GAAP advertising expense for Roto-Rooter totaled \$8,145,000 and \$7,323,000, respectively. If the expense of the telephone directories were spread over the periods they are in circulation, advertising expense for the fourth quarters of 2017 and 2016 would total \$8,809,000 and \$7,303,000, respectively.

Similarly, for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, GAAP advertising expense for Roto-Rooter totaled \$31,042,000 and \$26,717,000, 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, 2017 and 2016 would total \$32,413,000 and \$28,050,000, respectively.

- (d) VITAS has 11 large (greater than 450 ADC), 16 medium (greater than 200 but less than 450 ADC) and 17 small (less than 200 ADC) hospice programs. Of VITAS' 30 unique Medicare provider numbers, 23 provider numbers have a Medicare cap cushion of 10%, five provider numbers have Medicare cap cushion between 3% and 5% and two provider numbers have a Medicare cap liability for the current cap year.
- (e) Amounts exclude indirect patient care and administrative costs, as well as Medicare Cap billing limitation.

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