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Form S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

61-1323993
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer, and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of each class of securities to be registered | Amount to be registered/ Proposed maximum offering price per unit/ Proposed maximum aggregate offering price(1) | Amount of registration fee(2) |
|---|--|--|
| Common Stock, \$0.25 par value per share | | |

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- (1) An indeterminate aggregate initial offering price and number or amount of the securities is being registered as may periodically be offered at indeterminate prices.
- (2) In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant is deferring payment of the entire registration fee.

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PROSPECTUS

Kindred Healthcare, Inc.

Common Stock

We or selling stockholders may offer and sell from time to time, together or separately, shares of our common stock, par value \$0.25 per share, in amounts, at prices and on other terms to be determined at the time of the offering and to be described in an accompanying prospectus supplement.

In the case of an offering by a selling stockholder, the applicable prospectus supplement will include the identity of, and specific information required with respect to, any selling stockholder. Any prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and each related prospectus supplement carefully before you invest. This prospectus may not be used to sell our common stock unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

We or the selling stockholders may offer and sell our common stock through one or more underwriters, dealers or agents, through underwriting syndicates managed or co-managed by one or more underwriters, or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis. We provide more information about how the shares may be offered and sold in the section entitled "Plan of Distribution" beginning on page 4. The prospectus supplement for each offering of our common stock will describe in detail the plan of distribution for that offering.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol KND. On June 13, 2014, the last sale price of our common stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange was \$25.50 per share.

Investing in our common stock involves risks. You should read the "Risk Factors" section on page 1 of this prospectus and carefully consider the discussion of risks and uncertainties described under the heading "Risk Factors" in any applicable prospectus supplement and in the documents we incorporate by reference.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Prospectus dated June 16, 2014

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We and any selling stockholders are responsible for the information contained and incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and any free writing prospectus prepared by us or on behalf of us. Neither we nor any selling stockholders have authorized anyone to give you any other information, and we or any selling stockholders take no responsibility for any other information that others may give you. We and any selling stockholders are not making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date of the document containing the information.

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) utilizing an automatic shelf registration process. Under this shelf process, we or any selling stockholders may periodically sell the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides a general description of our common stock that we or any selling stockholders may offer. Each time we or any selling stockholders offer securities, we or any selling stockholders will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information, including information about us, contained in this prospectus. Therefore, before making your investment decision, you should carefully read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with the documents referred to in Where You Can Find More Information.

References to we, us, our, the Company and Kindred are references to Kindred Healthcare, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries, unless it is clear from the context that we mean only Kindred Healthcare, Inc.

NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, any prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference contain statements about future events and expectations, or forward-looking statements, all of which are inherently uncertain. All statements regarding our expected future financial position, results of operations, cash flows, dividends, financing plans, business strategy, budgets, capital expenditures, competitive positions, growth opportunities, plans and objectives of management and statements containing the words such as anticipate, approximate, believe, plan, estimate, expect, project, could, should, will, intend, may and other similar expressions, are forward-looking statements. Such

forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain, and stockholders and other potential investors must recognize that actual results may differ materially from our expectations as a result of a variety of factors. Such forward-looking statements are based upon

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management's current expectations and include known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which we are unable to predict or control, that may cause our actual results or performance to differ materially from any future results or performance expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors detailed from time to time in our filings with the SEC.

We caution you that any forward-looking statements made by us are not guarantees of future performance. You should keep in mind that any forward-looking statement we make in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, the documents incorporated by reference or elsewhere speaks only as of the date on which we make it. New risks and uncertainties arise from time to time, and it is impossible for us to predict these events or how they may affect us. In any event, these and other important factors, including those set forth under the caption "Risk Factors" in a prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference, may cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by our forward-looking statements. We have no duty, and do not intend, to update or revise the forward-looking statements we make in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, the documents incorporated by reference or elsewhere, except as may be required by law. In light of these risks and uncertainties, you should keep in mind that the future events or circumstances described in any forward-looking statement we make in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, the documents incorporated by reference or elsewhere might not occur.

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KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC.

Kindred Healthcare, Inc. is a healthcare services company that through its subsidiaries operates transitional care (TC) hospitals, inpatient rehabilitation hospitals (IRFs), nursing centers, assisted living facilities, a contract rehabilitation services business and a home health and hospice business across the United States.

We are organized into four operating divisions: the hospital division, the nursing center division, the rehabilitation division and the care management division.

The hospital division operates TC hospitals and IRFs. The nursing center division operates nursing centers and assisted living facilities. The rehabilitation division provides rehabilitation services primarily in hospitals and long-term care settings. The care management division primarily provides home health, hospice and private duty services to patients in a variety of settings, including homes, nursing centers and other residential settings. We believe that the independent focus of each division on the unique aspects of its business enhances its ability to improve the quality of its operations and achieve operating efficiencies.

Based upon the authoritative accounting guidance for business segments, our operating divisions represent five reportable operating segments: (1) hospitals, (2) nursing centers, (3) skilled nursing rehabilitation services (SRS), (4) hospital rehabilitation services (HRS) and (5) home health and hospice services. The SRS and HRS operating segments are both contained within the rehabilitation division, while home health and hospice services are contained within the care management division.

All financial and statistical information presented or incorporated by reference in this offering memorandum reflects the continuing operations of our businesses for all periods presented unless otherwise indicated.

Kindred Healthcare, Inc. is headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky and was incorporated in 1998. Our principal office is located at 680 South Fourth Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, and our telephone number is (502) 596-7300. Our website is www.kindredhealthcare.com. Our website is included in this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement as an inactive textual reference only. Except for the documents specifically incorporated by reference into this prospectus, information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement and should not be considered to be a part of this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement.

RISK FACTORS

Investing in our common stock involves risks. Before deciding to invest in our common stock, you should carefully consider the discussion of risks and uncertainties under the heading Risk Factors contained in any applicable prospectus supplement and in the documents that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus. See the section entitled Where You Can Find More Information on page 7.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Except as otherwise set forth in a prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds from any sale of our common stock by this prospectus for our general corporate purposes. The net proceeds may be invested temporarily in short-term marketable securities or applied to repay short-term debt until they are used for their stated purpose.

Unless otherwise set forth in a prospectus supplement, we will not receive any proceeds from any sale of our common stock by a selling stockholder.

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DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK

The description below summarizes the general terms of our common stock. This section is a summary, and it does not describe every aspect of our common stock. This summary is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to the provisions of our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "Certificate of Incorporation") and our Amended and Restated Bylaws (the "By-Laws"), each as may be amended from time to time.

Authorized Shares

The Company is authorized to issue a total of 175,000,000 shares of common stock with 25 cent (\$0.25) par value per share. As of May 31, 2014, there were 54,788,575 shares of common stock outstanding. The issued and outstanding shares of common stock are, and any shares of common stock issuable under the stock option plans or upon the exercise of any warrants for common stock will be, duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

Dividends

Holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably such dividends as may be declared by the Company's board of directors out of funds legally available therefor. We are subject to certain limitations on the declaration and payment of dividends, other than stock dividends, pursuant to the terms of our outstanding indebtedness.

Voting

Holders of common stock are entitled to one vote per share for each share held of record on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders.

Rights Upon Liquidation, Dissolution or Winding Up

In the event of a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, holders of common stock would have the right to a ratable portion of assets remaining after payment of liabilities and subject to the prior rights of any holders of preferred stock then outstanding. Holders of common stock will have no preemptive rights.

Listing

Our common stock is quoted on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol KND.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

The registrar and transfer agent for the common stock is Computershare, 250 Royall Street, Canton, Massachusetts 02021, (800) 736-3001.

Certain Restrictions

In order to help ensure that Ventas, Inc. ("Ventas"), a former affiliate of the Company, continues to meet the requirements for treatment as a real estate investment trust, the Certificate of Incorporation contains a provision prohibiting Tenet Healthcare Corporation and its successors ("Tenet") from beneficially owning, directly or indirectly (including by application of certain attribution rules under the Internal Revenue Code), shares of our common stock in excess of the existing holder limit set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation for so long as Tenet remains a significant shareholder in Ventas. Any shares of our common stock beneficially owned by Tenet in excess of such

existing holder limit, including shares beneficially owned by persons that are or become related to Tenet under the attribution rules, will be designated as excess stock and treated as described in the

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Certificate of Incorporation. The certificates evidencing our common stock contain a legend referencing the above restriction. In addition, if we engage in an Accretive Transaction (as defined in the Certificate of Incorporation), we will purchase from Ventas such number of shares as are necessary to prevent Ventas from beneficially owning in excess of 9.9% of the Company after giving effect to such Accretive Transaction.

The Certificate of Incorporation also states that we may not issue nonvoting equity securities to the extent prohibited by Section 1123(6)(a) of Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code.

Certain Statutory Provisions

In the Certificate of Incorporation, the Company has elected not to be governed by Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (DGCL). Section 203 of the DGCL prohibits a publicly held Delaware corporation from engaging in a business combination transaction with an interested stockholder (a stockholder who purchases more than 15% of our common stock) for a period of three years after the interested stockholder became such unless the transaction fits within an applicable exemption, such as board approval of the business combination or the transaction that resulted in such stockholder becoming an interested stockholder. These provisions would apply even if the business combination could be considered beneficial by some stockholders. By opting out of Section 203 of the DGCL, a stockholder that becomes an interested stockholder will be able to engage in a business combination transaction with us without prior board approval.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We or the selling stockholders may offer and sell from time to time, together or separately, shares of our common stock covered by this prospectus in one or more or any combination of the following transactions:

on the New York Stock Exchange, in the over-the-counter market or on any other national securities exchange on which our shares are listed or traded;

in privately negotiated transactions;

in underwritten transactions;

in a block trade in which a broker-dealer will attempt to sell the offered shares as agent but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;

through purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its account pursuant to this prospectus; and

through any other method permitted by applicable law.

We or the selling stockholders may sell our common stock at prices then prevailing or related to the then current market price or at negotiated prices. The offering price of our common stock from time to time will be determined by us or the selling stockholders, as applicable, and, at the time of the determination, may be higher or lower than the market price of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange or any other exchange or market.

Our common stock may be offered to the public, from time to time, through broker-dealers acting as agent or principal, including through underwriting syndicates represented by one or more managing underwriters or directly by one or more of such firms in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. The obligations of the underwriters to purchase the shares of common stock will be subject to the conditions set forth in the applicable underwriting agreement. Any public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid by underwriters or dealers to other dealers may be changed from time to time. The underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the offered shares if they purchase any of the offered shares.

In connection with an underwritten offering, underwriters or agents may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from us or the selling stockholders, as applicable, or from purchasers of the offered shares for whom they may act as agents. In addition, underwriters may sell our common stock to or through dealers, and those dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agents. The selling stockholders and any underwriters, dealers or agents participating in a distribution of our common stock may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), and any profit on the sale of the shares by the selling stockholders and any commissions received by broker-dealers may be deemed to be

underwriting commissions under the Securities Act.

We and the selling stockholders each may agree to indemnify an underwriter, broker-dealer or agent against certain liabilities related to the selling of our common stock, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act.

At any time a particular offer of shares of common stock covered by this prospectus is made, a revised prospectus or prospectus supplement, if required, will set forth the aggregate amount of shares of common stock covered by this prospectus being offered and the terms of the offering, including the name or names of any underwriters, dealers, brokers or agents. In addition, to the extent required, any discounts, commissions, concessions and other items constituting underwriters or agents compensation, as well as any discounts, commissions or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers, will be set forth in such revised prospectus or prospectus supplement. Any such required prospectus or prospectus supplement, and, if necessary, a post-effective amendment

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to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, will be filed with the SEC to reflect the disclosure of additional information with respect to the distribution of our common stock covered by this prospectus.

To facilitate the offering of shares covered by this prospectus, certain persons participating in the offering may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of our common stock. This may include over-allotments or short sales of our common stock, which involve the sale by persons participating in the offering of more common stock than we or the selling stockholders sold to them. In these circumstances, these persons would cover such over-allotments or short positions by making purchases in the open market or by exercising their over-allotment option, if any. In addition, these persons may stabilize or maintain the price of our common stock by bidding for or purchasing our common stock in the open market or by imposing penalty bids, whereby selling concessions allowed to dealers participating in the offering may be reclaimed if our common stock sold by them are repurchased in connection with stabilization transactions. The effect of these transactions may be to stabilize or maintain the market price of our common stock at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. These transactions may be discontinued at any time.

In the ordinary course of their business activities, any underwriter, broker-dealer or agent and their respective affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers and may at any time hold long and short positions in such securities and instruments. Such investment and securities activities may involve our securities and other instruments. Any underwriter, broker-dealer or agent and their respective affiliates may also engage in transactions with or perform services for us or provide other types of financing to us in the ordinary course of their business.

To the extent required, this prospectus may be amended and/or supplemented from time to time to describe a specific plan of distribution.

To comply with applicable state securities laws, our common stock covered by this prospectus will be sold, if necessary, in such jurisdictions only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In addition, our common stock may not be sold in some states absent registration or pursuant to an exemption from applicable state securities laws.

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VALIDITY OF THE SECURITIES

The validity of our common stock described in this prospectus will be passed upon for Kindred Healthcare, Inc. by Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, New York, New York. The validity of our common stock described in this prospectus will be passed upon for any underwriters or agents, as the case may be, by counsel identified in the prospectus supplement with respect to any offering.

EXPERTS

The financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this prospectus by reference to Kindred Healthcare, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The consolidated financial statements of RehabCare Group, Inc. as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2010, incorporated in this prospectus by reference to Kindred Healthcare, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 4, 2011, have been incorporated by reference in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, which report appears in Kindred Healthcare, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 4, 2011, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The audit report covering the December 31, 2010 consolidated financial statements of RehabCare Group, Inc. refers to the adoption of FASB Financial Accounting Standard No. 141(R), Business Combinations (included in FASB ASC Topic 805, Business Combinations), as of January 1, 2009.

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Please note that the SEC's website is included in this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement as an inactive textual reference only. The information contained on the SEC's website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus and should not be considered to be part of this prospectus, except as described in the following paragraph. You may also read and copy any document we file with the SEC at its public reference facility at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the public reference facility.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

We incorporate by reference into this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement certain information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus. Certain information that we subsequently file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede information in this prospectus and in our other filings with the SEC. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below, which we have already filed with the SEC, and any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), until all the securities offered by this prospectus have been sold and all conditions to the consummation of such sales have been satisfied, except that we are not incorporating any information included in a Current Report on Form 8-K that has been or will be furnished (and not filed) with the SEC, unless such information is expressly incorporated herein by a reference in a furnished Current Report on Form 8-K or other furnished document:

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 filed with the SEC on February 28, 2014;

our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2014 filed with the SEC on May 9, 2014;

portions of our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 3, 2014 that are incorporated by reference into Part III of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013;

our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 4, 2011 (Exhibits 99.3 and 99.4 only), January 2, 2014, January 16, 2014, February 4, 2014, February 21, 2014 (Item 8.01 and Exhibit 99.2 only), March 26, 2014, March 27, 2014, March 28, 2014, April 14, 2014 (excluding Item 7.01 and Exhibit 99.1), April 17, 2014, May 8, 2014 (Item 8.01 and Exhibit 99.2 only), May 15, 2014 (Item 8.01 and Exhibit 99.1 only), May 23, 2014, June 3, 2014 and June 16, 2014; and

the description of our common stock contained in our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 16, 2014.

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You may request a copy of these filings at no cost, by writing or calling us at the following address: 680 South Fourth Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, Telephone: (502) 596-7300, Attention: Investor Relations.

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The following table sets forth the various expenses payable by the Registrant in connection with the securities being registered hereby. Except as otherwise noted, all of the fees set forth below are estimates.

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|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Filing Fee for Registration Statement | \$ (1) |
| Legal Fees and Expenses | (2) |
| Accounting Fees and Expenses | (2) |
| Printing and Engraving Fees | (2) |
| Miscellaneous | (2) |
| Total | \$ (2) |

- (1) Deferred in accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act).
- (2) An estimate of the aggregate amount of these expenses will be reflected in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Pursuant to Section 145(a) of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the DGCL), a Delaware corporation may indemnify any person who is or was a party or is threatened to be made a party to any proceeding (other than a derivative action) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation against expenses and amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the proceeding, if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in the best interest, or not opposed to the best interest, of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe such conduct was unlawful. Pursuant to Section 145(b) of the DGCL, in the case of proceedings brought by or in the right of the corporation, a Delaware corporation may indemnify any person who is or was a party or is threatened to be made a party to any proceeding by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in the best interest, or not opposed to the best interest, of the corporation, but Section 145(b) requires court approval before a person can be indemnified where such person has been adjudged to be liable to the corporation. Additionally, a Delaware corporation must indemnify officers and directors of the corporation against expenses if such person is successful on the merits or in defense of any proceeding referred to above.

As permitted by Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL, our Certificate of Incorporation, in effect as of the date of this registration statement, includes a provision eliminating the personal liability of our directors to us or our stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability (i) for any breach of a director's duty of loyalty to us or our stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the DGCL (certain illegal distributions) or (iv) for transactions from which the director derives an improper personal benefit.

The indemnification of directors and officers authorized by the Certificate of Incorporation and our By-Laws is similar in scope to the provisions of the DGCL summarized above. However, the indemnification provisions of the By-Laws are limited to (i) officers, directors, agents and employees who as of September 13, 1999, were employed by, or serving as directors of, Kindred Healthcare, Inc. and (ii) agents and employees who

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were no longer employed by Kindred Healthcare, Inc. as of September 13, 1999, other than such agents and employees who were Kindred Healthcare, Inc.'s officers and directors prior to September 13, 1999.

Pursuant to the merger agreement related to the acquisition (the "RehabCare Acquisition") of RehabCare Group, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries ("RehabCare"), Kindred Healthcare, Inc. must, until June 1, 2017, indemnify and hold harmless each former director and officer of RehabCare against expenses and amounts paid in connection with any proceeding in respect of or arising out of acts or omissions occurring or alleged to have occurred at or prior to the date of the RehabCare Acquisition in connection with such person's service as an officer or director of RehabCare.

Kindred Healthcare, Inc. has entered into indemnification agreements with its directors and certain officers. The indemnification agreements provide such directors and officers with indemnification to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL or other applicable law. The form of indemnification agreement between Kindred Healthcare, Inc. and certain of its officers is filed as Exhibit 10.31 to Ventas' Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 29, 1996. The form of indemnification agreement between Kindred Healthcare, Inc. and each member of its board of directors is filed as Exhibit 10.21 to Kindred Healthcare's Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 1, 2002.

Kindred Healthcare, Inc. maintains a directors' and officers' liability insurance policy. Pursuant to the RehabCare Acquisition merger agreement, Kindred Healthcare, Inc. must, until June 1, 2017, also maintain a directors' and officers' insurance policy covering directors and officers of RehabCare covered as of the date of the RehabCare Acquisition.

Item 16. Exhibits.

See the Exhibit Index, which follows the signature page to this registration statement and is herein incorporated by reference.

Item 17. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-3 and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant

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pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser:

(i) Each prospectus filed by the Registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5) or (b)(7) as part of the registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which the prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof. *Provided, however*, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the Registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned Registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned Registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned Registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned Registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned Registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned Registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned Registrant to the purchaser.

(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of

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the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Louisville, State of Kentucky, on the 16th day of June, 2014.

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC.

By: /s/ Paul J. Diaz
Paul J. Diaz

Chief Executive Officer

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS that each individual whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Stephen D. Farber and Joseph L. Landenwiche, and each of them, as such person's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for such person in such person's name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this registration statement (or any registration statement for the same offering that is to be effective upon filing pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act), and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and all documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as such person might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that any said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any substitute or substitutes of any of them, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated. This document may be executed in counterparts that when so executed shall constitute one registration statement, notwithstanding that all of the undersigned are not signatories to the original of the same counterpart.

| Signatures | Title | Date |
|--------------------------|---|---------------|
| /s/ Paul J. Diaz | Chief Executive Officer and Director | |
| Paul J. Diaz | (Principal Executive Officer) | June 16, 2014 |
| /s/ Stephen D. Farber | Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer | |
| Stephen D. Farber | (Principal Financial Officer) | June 16, 2014 |
| /s/ John J. Lucchese | Senior Vice President and | |
| | | June 16, 2014 |

Chief Accounting Officer

(Principal Accounting Officer)

John J. Lucchese

/s/ Phyllis R. Yale

Chair of the

June 16, 2014

Phyllis R. Yale

Board of Directors

/s/ Joel Ackerman

Director

June 16, 2014

Joel Ackerman

/s/ Jonathan D. Blum

Director

June 16, 2014

Jonathan D. Blum

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| Signatures | Title | Date |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| /s/ Thomas P. Cooper Thomas P. Cooper, M.D. | Director | June 16, 2014 |
| /s/ Heyward R. Donigan Heyward R. Donigan | Director | June 16, 2014 |
| /s/ Richard Goodman Richard Goodman | Director | June 16, 2014 |
| /s/ Christopher T. Hjelm Christopher T. Hjelm | Director | June 16, 2014 |
| /s/ Frederick J. Kleisner Frederick J. Kleisner | Director | June 16, 2014 |
| /s/ John H. Short John H. Short, Ph.D. | Director | June 16, 2014 |

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| 1.1** | Underwriting Agreement. |
| 2.1 | Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 7, 2011, among Kindred Healthcare, Inc., Kindred Healthcare Development, Inc. and RehabCare Group, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 7, 2011 (File No. 001-14057)). |
| 2.2 | Amendment to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated May 12, 2011, among Kindred Healthcare, Inc., Kindred Healthcare Development, Inc. and RehabCare Group, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 12, 2011 (File No. 001-14057)). |
| 4.1 | Articles IV, IX, X and XII of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed August 31, 2001 (File No. 333-68838)). |
| 4.2 | Indenture (including form of Note), dated as of April 9, 2014, among Kindred Healthcare, Inc., the Guarantors named therein and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 14, 2014 (File No. 001-14057)). |
| 4.3 | Second Amendment and Restatement Agreement dated as of April 9, 2014 to the Amended and Restated ABL Credit Agreement, by and among Kindred Healthcare, Inc., the other Credit Parties party thereto, the Consenting Lenders and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 14, 2014 (File No. 001-14057)). |
| 4.4 | Third Amendment and Restatement Agreement dated as of April 9, 2014 to the Second Amended and Restated Term Loan Credit Agreement, by and among Kindred Healthcare, Inc., the other Credit Parties party thereto, the New Term Lenders and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 14, 2014 (File No. 001-14057)). |
| 5.1* | Opinion of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP. |
| 23.1* | Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. |
| 23.2* | Consent of KPMG LLP. |
| 23.3* | Consent of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1). |
| 24.1* | Power of Attorney (included on the signature page of this Registration Statement). |

* Filed herewith.

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To be filed by post-effective amendment or pursuant to a Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

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