

SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS INC

Form 10-K

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**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**Form 10-K**

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

**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008**

**OR**

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

**For the transition period from to**

**Commission File No. 1-12607**

# SunLink Health Systems, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Ohio**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

**31-0621189**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**900 Circle 75 Parkway, Suite 1120, Atlanta, Georgia 30339**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (770) 933-7000**

## Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

**Title of each Class**  
Common Shares without par value

**Name of each Exchange on which registered**  
American Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§ 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. Yes ☐ No ☒

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

Large accelerated filer ☐  
Non-accelerated filer ☐

Accelerated filer ☐  
Smaller reporting company ☒

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(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

At the close of business on September 24, 2008, there were 7,936,800 shares of the registrant's common shares without par value outstanding. The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the closing price on December 31, 2007 of the registrant's common shares as reported by the American Stock Exchange amounted to \$29,700,000.

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**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of the registrant's definitive Proxy Statement to be filed under Regulation 14A in connection with the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of SunLink Health Systems, Inc., scheduled to be held on November 10, 2008, have been incorporated by reference into Part III of this Report. The Proxy Statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after June 30, 2008.

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**Certain Cautionary Statements**

**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This Annual Report and the documents that are incorporated by reference in this Annual Report contain certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements include all statements that do not relate solely to historical or current facts and may be identified by the use of words such as may, believe, will, expect, project, estimate, anticipate, plan or continue. These forward-looking statements are plans and expectations and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors which could significantly affect current plans and expectations and our future financial condition and results. These factors, which could cause actual results, performance and achievements to differ materially from those anticipated, include, but are not limited to:

*General Business Conditions*

general economic and business conditions in the U.S., both nationwide and in the states in which we operate;

the competitive nature of the U.S. community hospital, homecare and specialty businesses;

demographic changes in areas where we operate;

the availability of cash or borrowings to fund working capital, renovations, replacement, expansion and capital improvements at existing hospital facilities and for acquisitions and replacement hospital facilities;

changes in accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S.; and,

fluctuations in the market value of equity securities including SunLink common shares;

*Operational Factors*

inability to operate profitably in one or more segments of the healthcare business;

the availability of, and our ability to attract and retain, sufficient qualified staff physicians, management, nurses, pharmacists and staff personnel for our operations;

timeliness and amount of reimbursement payments received under government programs;

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restrictions imposed by debt agreements;

the cost and availability of insurance coverage including professional liability (e.g., medical malpractice) and general liability insurance;

the efforts of insurers, healthcare providers, and others to contain healthcare costs;

the impact on hospital services of the treatment of patients in lower acuity healthcare settings, whether with drug therapy or via alternative healthcare services, such as surgery centers or urgent care centers;

changes in medical and other technology;

risks of changes in estimates of self insurance claims and reserves;

increases in prices of materials and services utilized in our hospital and pharmacy operations;

increases in wages as a result of inflation or competition for management, physician, nursing, pharmacy and staff positions;

increases in the amount and risk of collectibility of accounts receivable, including deductibles and co-pay amounts; and,

the functionality or costs with respect to our management information system for our hospitals, including both software and hardware;

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*Liabilities, Claims, Obligations and Other Matters*

claims under leases, guarantees and other obligations relating to discontinued operations, including sold facilities, retained or acquired subsidiaries and former subsidiaries;

potential adverse consequences of known and unknown government investigations;

claims for product and environmental liabilities from continuing and discontinued operations;

professional, general and other claims which may be asserted against us; and

weather-related events such as flooding, and wind damage and population evacuations affecting areas we operate including Louisiana and South Georgia.

*Regulation and Governmental Activity*

existing and proposed governmental budgetary constraints;

the regulatory environment for our businesses, including state certificate of need laws and regulations, rules and judicial cases relating thereto;

anticipated adverse changes in the levels and terms of government (including Medicare, Medicaid and other programs) and private reimbursement for SunLink's healthcare services including the payment arrangements and terms of managed care agreements;

changes in or failure to comply with Federal, state or local laws and regulations affecting the healthcare industry; and,

the possible enactment of Federal healthcare reform laws or reform laws in states where we operate hospital and pharmacy facilities (including Medicaid waivers and other reforms);

*Acquisition Related Matters*

the availability and terms of capital to fund additional acquisitions or replacement facilities;

impairment or uncollectibility of certain acquired assets;

Assumed liabilities discovered subsequent to an acquisition;

Our ability to integrate acquired healthcare businesses and implement our business strategy; and

competition in the market for acquisitions of hospitals and healthcare businesses.

The foregoing are significant factors we think could cause our actual results to differ materially from expected results. However, there could be additional factors besides those listed herein that also could affect SunLink in an adverse manner.

You should read this Annual Report completely and with the understanding that actual future results may be materially different from what we expect. You are cautioned not to unduly rely on forward-looking statements when evaluating the information presented in this Annual Report or our other disclosures because current plans, anticipated actions, and future financial conditions and results may differ from those expressed in any forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of SunLink.

We have not undertaken any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements. All of our forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of the document in which they are made or, if a date is specified, as of such date. We disclaim any obligation or undertaking to provide any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement to reflect any change in our expectations or any changes in events, conditions, circumstances or information on which the forward-looking statement is based. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the foregoing factors and the other risk factors set forth elsewhere in this report.



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**PART I**

**Item 1. Business (all dollar amounts in thousands except share, per share and revenue per equivalent admission amounts)**

**Overview**

We are SunLink Health Systems, Inc. Unless the context indicates otherwise, all references to SunLink, we, our, ours, us and the Company to SunLink Health Systems, Inc. and our consolidated subsidiaries. We are a provider of healthcare services in certain rural and exurban markets in the United States. References to our specific operations refers to operations conducted through our subsidiaries and references to we, our, ours, and us in such context refers to the operations of our subsidiaries. Our business is composed of two business segments, healthcare facilities and pharmacy operations. Through our subsidiaries, we operate a total of seven community hospitals in four states. Six of the community hospitals are owned and one is leased. Our community hospitals are acute care hospitals and have a total of 402 licensed beds. As part of our community hospital operations, we currently also operate (a) three nursing homes in two states, each of our current nursing homes is located adjacent to, or in close proximity with, certain of our community hospitals, and (b) four home healthcare agencies in three states, each of our current home health agencies is operated from certain of our community hospitals. Our nursing homes have a total of 261 licensed beds. Through a subsidiary acquired in April 2008, we also operate a specialty pharmacy business with four service lines. Our healthcare operations are conducted through our direct and indirect subsidiaries, including SunLink Healthcare LLC ( SHL ), HealthMont LLC ( HealthMont ) and SunLink ScriptsRx, LLC ( ScriptsRx ).

Our executive offices are located at 900 Circle 75 Parkway, Suite 1120, Atlanta, Georgia 30339, and our telephone number is (770) 933-7000. Our website address is [www.sunlinkhealth.com](http://www.sunlinkhealth.com). Information contained on our website does not constitute part of this report. Any materials we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) may be read at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Room 1580 Washington, DC 20549. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at (202) 551-8090. Certain materials we file with the SEC may also be read and copied at or through our website.

**History**

We are an Ohio corporation and were incorporated in June 1959. In fiscal 2001 we redirected our business strategy toward healthcare services in the United States. On February 1, 2001, we purchased five community hospitals, leasehold rights for a sixth hospital and the related businesses of all six hospitals for approximately \$26,500. On October 3, 2003, we acquired two additional hospitals through our acquisition of HealthMont, Inc. In June 2004, we sold our Mountainside Medical Center ( Mountainside ) facility, a 35-bed hospital located in Jasper, GA for approximately \$40,000. On April 23, 2008, we acquired Carmichael for approximately \$24,000.

**Business Strategy: Operations, Acquisitions and Strategic Alternatives**

SunLink's business strategy is to focus its efforts on internal growth of its existing healthcare facilities and its pharmacy business, supplemented by growth from selected rural and exurban healthcare acquisitions, including but not limited to hospitals, nursing homes, home care businesses, and pharmacy businesses. However, as was the case in 2004 with our Mountainside Medical Center hospital, we do consider disposition of one or more of our facilities based on a variety of factors including asset values, return on investments, competition from existing and potential facilities and capital improvement needs. We likewise evaluate our strategic alternatives on an on-going basis.

*Operations*

Our operational strategy is focused on efforts to increase internal growth. Our primary operational strategy for our community hospitals is to improve the profitability of such hospitals by reducing out-migration of patients, recruiting physicians, expanding services and implementing and maintaining effective cost controls. Our

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operational strategy for our nursing homes and home health agencies is similar to that for our community hospitals and is focused on expanding services and implementing and maintaining effective cost controls.

Finally, our operation strategy for our pharmacy operations is focused on integrating the recently acquired operations, increasing market share, increasing collection efforts, expanding services and implementing and maintaining effective cost controls.

## *Acquisitions*

During the last fiscal year, we evaluated certain rural and exurban hospitals and healthcare businesses, which were for sale and monitored other selected rural and exurban healthcare acquisition targets which we believed might become available for sale.

On April 22, 2008, SunLink ScriptsRx, LLC acquired Carmichael's Cashway Pharmacy, Inc. (Carmichael). The Carmichael acquisition purchase price was \$24,000, consisting of \$19,000 cash, seller subordinated debt of \$3,000 and \$2,000 in SunLink shares (334,448 shares). Carmichael had annual revenues of approximately \$42,200 for its year ended December 31, 2007 and has been in business for over 35 years. Carmichael provides services to patients in rural communities in southwest Louisiana and eastern Texas. Carmichael is included in our Specialty Pharmacy Segment.

We continue to engage in similar evaluation and monitoring activities with respect to rural and exurban hospitals, nursing homes, home health businesses, pharmacy and other rural or exurban healthcare businesses, which are or may become available for acquisition.

Although we have no current plans to do so, from time to time we may consider the acquisition of other complementary rural and exurban based healthcare businesses, outside of our existing business segments, which are or may become available for acquisition.

Historically, we targeted the community hospital market because we believed it provided an attractive sector for investment in healthcare facilities. We continue to believe hospitals and other healthcare businesses in our rural and exurban markets generally experience (1) less direct competition, (2) lower managed care penetration, (3) more manageable inflationary pressure with respect to certain costs, (4) higher staff, employee and community loyalty, and (5), in certain cases, opportunity for future growth. The focus of acquisition activities will depend on our evaluation of relative opportunities for growth and profitability within the business segments and services lines of our existing operations, the capital needs of our existing and potential operations within such segments and services lines, current and potential changes in government regulation and reimbursement rules, competition for potential acquisitions and valuations of existing facilities and operations and other traditional factors.

Our primary market criteria for healthcare facility acquisitions continues to be community hospitals with net revenues of approximately \$10,000 or more which are (1) the sole or primary hospital in market areas with a population of greater than 15,000 or (2) a principal healthcare provider with substantial market share in communities with a population of 50,000 to 150,000. We believe all of our seven existing hospitals meet at least one of the two market area criteria.

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We face competition for healthcare facility acquisitions primarily from for-profit management companies and not-for-profit entities which may have greater financial and other resources than SunLink. Increased competition for the acquisition of non-urban acute-care hospitals and other healthcare facilities could have an adverse impact on our ability to acquire such hospitals and other healthcare facilities on favorable terms or at all,

We consider prices paid by others in recent years for certain hospital acquisitions to be higher than we would be willing to pay but we believe there may be opportunities for acquisitions of individual hospitals in the

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future due to, among other things, continued negative trends in certain government reimbursement programs and other factors. We also believe there may be opportunities for acquisitions of individual or groups of hospitals in the future from other for-profit hospital operators seeking to re-align the focus of their portfolios.

Opportunities to acquire not-for-profit hospitals may improve. However, in recent years, the legislatures and attorneys general of several states (including Georgia and other states which we believe may have suitable acquisition targets) have shown a heightened level of interest in reviewing transactions involving the sale of not-for-profit hospitals. The legal authority for such review is generally known as Conversion Legislation. Although the level of authority for, and interest in, such reviews varies from state to state, the trend is toward increased governmental review authority for, and, in some cases, imposing conditions prior to, the approval of transactions involving a not-for-profit corporation selling a healthcare facility. Accordingly, even where the costs of acquiring not-for-profit hospitals improve, governmental review may make it more difficult to complete any such acquisitions.

Our acquisition strategy for nursing homes and home health operations is to acquire businesses in areas which are complementary to either our existing hospitals or our new pharmacy business or which are located in rural or exurban markets. Although we are focused on the internal growth and integration of our recently acquired pharmacy operations into our existing operations, our acquisition strategy for pharmacy operations similarly would be to acquire pharmacy operations in areas which are complementary to either our existing healthcare facility operations or our new pharmacy operations or which are located in rural or exurban markets.

As noted above, from time to time we may consider the disposition of one or more of our healthcare facilities, service lines or business segments, including if we determine that the operating results or potential growth of such facility, service line or segment no longer meet our business objectives.

We also may, from time to time, consider the acquisition of other rural and exurban healthcare businesses which are not current part of our service lines or business segments.

## *Strategic Alternatives*

On November 8, 2007, we announced that we had received an unsolicited conditional acquisition proposal from Resurgence Health Group, LLC which purported to offer a cash price of \$7.50 per share for substantially all the outstanding shares of SunLink, subject to a number of conditions. On January 16, 2008, we announced that we had retained Stephens Inc. for the purpose of advising our Board of Directors in connection with an evaluation of the Company's strategic alternatives, including, among others, the proposal by Resurgence Health Group, LLC. Since retaining Stephens, SunLink has explored a number of strategic alternatives, none of which to date has been judged by our Board to be superior in terms of price and execution risk to continuing as an independent company and pursuing SunLink's existing business plans. To continue the evaluation on an on-going basis, the Board has formed a standing Strategic Alternatives Committee of the Board of Directors to, among other things, conduct periodic evaluations of the Company's strategic alternatives. Investors are cautioned that no inference should be drawn from the existence of such committee and its charter with respect to the probability that the Company will engage in any transaction as a result of the periodic evaluation of strategic alternatives, including with respect to any proposal previously submitted or which in the future may be re-submitted or newly presented to the Company.

## **Healthcare Facilities Operations**

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SunLink's healthcare facilities segment is composed of three operational areas:

Our seven community hospitals;

Our three nursing homes, each of which is located in adjacent to, or in close proximity with a corresponding SunLink community hospital; and

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Our four hospital related home health agencies, each of which operates for a corresponding SunLink community hospital.

Through our subsidiaries, we operate a total of seven community hospitals in four states. Six of the community hospitals are owned and one is leased. SunLink's community hospitals are acute care hospitals and have a total of 402 licensed beds. In connection with our community hospital operations in certain communities, we also operate (a) three nursing homes located in two states: each of our current nursing homes is located adjacent to our community hospitals, and (b) four home healthcare agencies in three states, each of these home health agencies is operated from one of our community hospitals. Our nursing homes have a total of 261 licensed beds.

### **Owned and Leased Hospitals**

All of our hospitals are owned except Missouri Southern Healthcare, which is a leased hospital. The following sets forth certain information with respect to each of our seven community hospitals:

Chestatee Regional Hospital ( Chestatee ), located in Dahlonge, Lumpkin County, Georgia, is a 49-licensed-bed, acute-care hospital accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations ( JCAHO ). It includes a 12-bed obstetric department, a four-bed intensive care unit ( ICU ) and a 33-bed medical/surgical/pediatrics unit. Chestatee is the only hospital in its primary service area of Lumpkin and Dawson Counties.

North Georgia Medical Center ( North Georgia ), located in Ellijay, Gilmer County, Georgia, consists of a JCAHO accredited 50-licensed-bed, acute-care hospital and Gilmer Nursing Home, a 100-bed skilled nursing facility. North Georgia completed construction of a 6,755-square-foot emergency room addition in January 2003 for approximately \$1,700. North Georgia is the only hospital in Gilmer County. The Company has a 28-bed CON to replace the existing hospital.

Trace Regional Hospital ( Trace ), located in Houston, Chickasaw County, Mississippi, consists of a JCAHO accredited 84-licensed-bed, acute-care hospital and Floy Dyer Manor Nursing Home, a 66-bed nursing home. Trace is the only hospital in Houston, Mississippi, and the primary hospital in Chickasaw County.

Chilton Medical Center ( Chilton ), located in Clanton, Chilton County, Alabama, is a 60-licensed-bed, JCAHO accredited, acute-care hospital. It operates a home-health agency. Chilton is the only hospital in Chilton County.

Missouri Southern Healthcare ( Missouri Southern ), located in Dexter, Stoddard County, Missouri, is a 50-licensed-bed, acute-care hospital. It includes a four-bed ICU. It is the only hospital in Dexter, Missouri. The lease expires in 2019. It operates a home-health agency.

Callaway Community Hospital ( Callaway ), located in Fulton, Callaway County, Missouri, is a 49-licensed-bed, JCAHO accredited, acute-care hospital. It operates a home-health agency. Callaway is the only hospital in Callaway County.

Memorial Hospital of Adel ( Adel ), located in Adel, Cook County, Georgia, consists of a JCAHO accredited 60-licensed-bed, acute-care hospital and Memorial Convalescent Center, a 95-bed skilled nursing facility. It operates a home-health agency. Adel is the only hospital in Cook County.

### **Hospital Operations**

*Utilization of Local Hospital Management Teams*

We believe that the long-term growth potential of our hospitals is dependent on their ability to offer appropriate healthcare services and effectively recruit and retain physicians. Each SunLink hospital has developed and continuously seeks to implement an operating plan designed to improve efficiency and increase revenue including by, but not limited to, the expansion of services offered by the hospital and the recruitment of physicians to the community.



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Each hospital management team is comprised of a chief executive officer, chief financial officer and chief nursing officer. The quality of the on-site hospital management team is critical to the success of our hospitals. The on-site management team is responsible for implementing the operating plan under the guidance of SunLink's senior management team. Each hospital management team participates in a performance-based compensation program based upon the achievement of operational, clinical and financial goals set forth in the operating plan.

Each hospital management team is responsible for the day-to-day operations of its hospital. Our corporate staff provides support services, assistance, and advice to each hospital in certain areas, including physician recruiting, corporate compliance, reimbursement, information systems, human resources, accounting, cash management, finance, tax and insurance. Financial controls are maintained through the utilization of standardized policies and procedures and monitoring by corporate staff. Our hospitals have contracted with the HealthTrust Group Purchasing Organization, a purchasing group used by a large number of community hospitals, for certain supplies and equipment. We promote communication among our hospitals and management teams so that local expertise and improvements can be shared among all of our facilities.

### *Expansion of Services and Facilities; Maintenance of Emergency Room Operations*

We seek to add services at our hospitals on an as-needed basis in order to improve access to quality healthcare services in the communities we serve, with the ultimate goal of reducing the out-migration of patients to other hospitals or alternate service providers. Additional and expanded services and programs, which may include specialty inpatient and outpatient services, are often dependent on recruiting physicians; therefore, physician recruiting goals are important to our ability to expand services. Capital investments in technology and facilities are often necessary to increase the quality and scope of services provided to the communities. Additional and expanded services and improvements add to each hospital's quality of care and reputation in the community, reducing out-migration and increasing patient referrals and revenue. SunLink seeks to maintain, in each hospital, a quality, patient-friendly emergency department and provides emergency room services in each of our hospitals. We view the emergency room as the facility's window to the community and a critical component of its local service offering.

### *Medical Staff*

The number and quality of physicians affiliated with a hospital directly affects the quality and availability of patient care and the reputation of such hospital. Physicians generally may terminate their affiliation with a hospital at any time. We seek to retain physicians of varied specialties on the medical staffs of our hospitals and to attract other qualified physicians. SunLink believes physicians refer patients to a hospital primarily on the basis of the quality of services the hospital renders to patients and physicians, the quality of other physicians on the medical staff, the location of the hospital and the quality of the hospital's facilities, equipment and employees. Accordingly, SunLink strives to provide quality facilities, equipment, employees and services for physicians and their patients.

### *Physician Recruiting*

Each SunLink hospital management team is responsible for assessing the need for additional physicians, including the number and specialty of additional physicians needed by its community. Each of our local hospital management teams, with the assistance of outside recruiting firms, identifies and seeks to attract specific physicians to its hospital's medical staff. The hospital generally guarantees a newly recruited physician a minimum level of gross receipts during an initial period, generally one year, and assists the physician's transition into the community. The physician is required to repay some or all of the amounts paid under such guarantee if the physician leaves the community within a specified period. SunLink hospitals generally have not employed physicians but are currently considering the employment of certain physicians in markets where it believes it would enhance the hospital's service offerings.



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### Operating Statistics

The following table sets forth certain operating statistics for SunLink's healthcare facilities as of June 30, 2008 for the periods indicated.

	Fiscal Years Ended June 30,		
	2006	2007	2008
Hospitals owned or leased at end of period	7	7	7
Licensed hospital beds (at end of period)	402	402	402
Hospital beds in service (at end of period)	295	327	327
Nursing home beds in service (at end of period)	261	261	261
Admissions	9,970	9,908	8,865
Equivalent Admissions(1)	25,163	26,903	25,390
Average length of stay (days)(2)	3.63	3.59	3.54
Patient days	36,176	35,562	31,388
Adjusted patient days(3)	89,305	93,822	88,929
Occupancy rate (% of licensed beds)(4)	24.65%	24.24%	21.39%
Occupancy rate (% of beds in service)(5)	33.51%	29.71%	26.23%
Net patient service revenues (in thousands)	\$ 135,576	\$ 143,645	\$ 151,372
Net outpatient service revenues (in thousands)	\$ 59,760	\$ 68,234	\$ 81,059
Net revenue per equivalent admissions	\$ 5,388	\$ 5,339	\$ 5,962
Net outpatient service revenues (as a % of net patient service revenues)	44.08%	47.50%	53.55%

- (1) Equivalent admissions is a statistic used by management (and certain investors) as a general approximation of combined inpatient and outpatient volume. Equivalent admissions are computed by multiplying admissions (inpatient volume) by the sum of gross inpatient revenues and gross outpatient revenues and dividing the result by gross inpatient revenues. The equivalent admissions computation is intended to relate outpatient revenues to the volume measure (admissions) used to measure inpatient volume resulting in a general approximation of combined inpatient and outpatient volume.
- (2) Average length of stay is calculated based on the number of patient days divided by the number of admissions.
- (3) Adjusted patient days have been calculated based on a revenue-based formula of multiplying actual patient days by the sum of gross inpatient revenues and gross outpatient revenues and dividing the result by gross inpatient revenues for each hospital. Adjusted patient days is a statistic (which is used generally in the industry) designed to communicate an approximate volume of service provided to inpatients and outpatients by converting total patient revenues to a number representing adjusted patient days.
- (4) Percentages are calculated by dividing average daily census by the average number of licensed beds.
- (5) Percentages are calculated by dividing average daily census by the average number of beds in service.

### Sources of Revenue

Each SunLink hospital receives payments for patient care from Federal Medicare programs for older and disabled patients, state Medicaid programs, private insurance carriers, health maintenance organizations, preferred provider organizations, TriCare (formerly known as the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services, or CHAMPUS), and from employers and patients directly. See Item 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

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The following table sets forth the percentage of patient days from various payors in SunLink's healthcare facilities for the periods indicated.

<b>Source</b>	<b>Fiscal Years Ended June 30,</b>		
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Medicare	69.2%	70.5%	70.1%
Medicaid	10.7%	10.1%	9.6%
Private and Other Sources	20.1%	19.4%	20.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The following table sets forth the percentage of the net patient revenues from various payors in SunLink's hospitals.

<b>Source</b>	<b>Fiscal Years Ended June 30,</b>		
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Medicare	38.8%	39.8%	41.6%
Medicaid	16.4%	13.9%	14.1%
Private and Other Sources	44.8%	46.3%	44.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Hospital revenues depend upon inpatient occupancy levels, the extent to which ancillary services and therapy programs are ordered by physicians and provided to patients, and the volume of outpatient procedures. Reimbursement rates for routine inpatient services vary significantly depending on the type of service (e.g., acute care, intensive care or psychiatric care) and the geographic location of the hospital. The percentage of patient revenues attributable to outpatient services has increased in recent years, primarily as a result of medical technology advances that allow more services to be provided on an outpatient basis and from increased pressures from Medicare, Medicaid and private insurers to reduce hospital stays and provide services, where possible, on a less expensive outpatient basis. We believe that our experience with respect to increased outpatient levels mirrors the general trend occurring in the healthcare industry.

Patients generally are not responsible for any difference between established hospital charges and amounts reimbursed for such services under Medicare, Medicaid, some private insurer plans, health maintenance organizations (HMOs) or preferred provider organizations (PPOs), but are responsible to the extent of any exclusions, deductibles or co-insurance features of their coverage. The amount of such exclusions, deductibles and co-insurance has been increasing in recent years. Collection of amounts due from individuals typically is more difficult than from governmental or third-party payors.

Medicare is a Federal program that provides certain hospital and medical insurance benefits to persons age 65 and over, some disabled persons and persons with end-stage renal disease. Medicaid is a Federal-state program, administered by the states, that provides hospital and nursing home benefits to qualifying individuals who are unable to afford care. All of SunLink's hospitals are certified as healthcare services providers for persons covered by Medicare and Medicaid programs. Amounts received under the Medicare and Medicaid programs generally are significantly less than the established charges of most hospitals, including our own, for the services provided. See Item 1. Business Government Reimbursement Programs Medicare/Medicaid Reimbursement.

*Quality Assurance*

Each SunLink hospital implements quality assurance procedures to monitor the level and quality of care provided to its patients. Each hospital has a medical director who supervises and is responsible for the quality of

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medical care provided and a medical advisory committee comprised of physicians who review the professional credentials of physicians applying for medical staff privileges at the hospital. The medical advisory committee also reviews and monitors surgical outcomes along with procedures performed and the quality of the logistical, medical and technological support provided to the physicians. Each hospital periodically conducts surveys of its patients, either during their stay at the hospital or subsequently by mail, to identify potential areas of improvement. Each SunLink hospital, except the leased hospital in Dexter, Missouri, is accredited by the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, also known as JCAHO.

## **Competition**

Among the factors which we believe influence patient selection among hospitals in our markets are:

The appearance and functionality of the healthcare facilities;

The quality and demeanor of professional staff and physicians; and

The participation of the hospital in plans which pay a portion of the patient's bill.

Such factors are influenced heavily by the quality and scope of medical services, strength of referral networks, hospital location and the price of hospital services. Although our hospitals may face less competition in their immediate patient service areas than would be expected in larger communities, since they are the primary provider of healthcare services in their respective communities, our hospitals nevertheless face competition from larger tertiary care centers and, in some cases, other rural, exurban, suburban or, in limited circumstances, urban hospitals, some of which (particularly large urban hospitals) offer more specialized services. The competing hospitals may be owned by governmental agencies or not-for-profit entities supported by endowments and charitable contributions and may be able to finance capital expenditures on a tax-exempt basis. Such governmental-owned and not-for-profit hospitals, as well as various for-profit hospitals operating in the broader service area, likely have greater access to financial resources than do SunLink hospitals.

## **Managed Care and Efforts to Control Healthcare Costs**

Each SunLink hospital is affected by its ability to negotiate service contracts with purchasers of group healthcare services. Health maintenance organizations and preferred provider organizations attempt to direct and control the use of hospital services through managed care programs and to obtain discounts from hospitals' established charges. In addition, employers and traditional health insurers increasingly are seeking to contain costs through negotiations with hospitals for managed care programs and discounts from established charges. Generally, hospitals compete for service contracts with group healthcare service purchasers on the basis of market reputation, geographic location, quality and range of services, quality of medical staff, convenience and price.

The importance of obtaining contracts with managed care organizations varies from market to market, depending on the market strength of such organizations. Management believes that, on an industry basis, managed care contracts generally are less important in rural and exurban markets than in urban and suburban markets where there is typically a higher level of managed care penetration. Nevertheless, a significant portion of hospital patients in rural and exurban communities are covered by managed care or other reimbursement programs, all of which generally pay less than established charges for hospital services.

The healthcare industry as a whole faces the challenge of continuing to provide quality patient care while managing rising costs, facing strong competition for patients, and adjusting to a general reduction of reimbursement rates by both private and government payors. Both private and government payors continually seek to reduce the nature and scope of services which may be reimbursed. Healthcare reform at both the Federal and state level generally is designed to reduce reimbursement rates. Changes in medical technology, existing and future legislation, regulations and interpretations, and competitive contracting for provider services by private and government payors, may require changes in our facilities, equipment, personnel, rates and/or services in the future.

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The hospital industry, including all of SunLink's hospitals, continues to have significant unused capacity. Inpatient utilization, average lengths of stay and average inpatient occupancy rates continue to be affected negatively by payor-required pre-admission authorization, utilization review, and payment mechanisms designed to maximize outpatient and alternative healthcare delivery services for less acutely ill patients and to limit the cost of treating inpatients. Admissions constraints, payor pressures, and increased competition are likely to continue. Historically we have responded to such trends by adding and expanding outpatient services, upgrading facilities and equipment, offering new programs and adding or expanding certain inpatient and ancillary services. Currently we expect to continue to respond to such trends in a similar manner subject to the availability of capital resources, and our evaluation of the continued utility of such historical responses.

### **Government Reimbursement Programs**

A significant portion of SunLink's healthcare facilities net revenues is dependent upon reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid. Although the Federal government generally reviews payment rates under its various programs annually, changes in reimbursement rates under such programs, including Medicare and Medicaid, generally occur based on the fiscal year of the Federal government which currently begins on October 1 and ends on September 30 of each year.

#### *Medicare Inpatient Reimbursement*

The Medicare program pays hospitals under the provisions of a prospective payment system for inpatient services. Under the inpatient prospective payment system, a hospital receives a fixed amount for inpatient hospital services based on the established fixed payment amount per discharge for categories of hospital treatment, known as diagnosis related group ( DRG ). Each patient admitted for care is assigned to a DRG based upon his or her primary admitting diagnosis. Every DRG is assigned a payment rate by the government based upon the estimated intensity of hospital resources necessary to treat the average patient with that particular diagnosis. DRG payments do not consider a specific hospital's costs, but are national rates adjusted for area wage differentials and case-mix indices.

DRG rates are usually adjusted by an update factor each Federal fiscal year. The percentage increases to DRG payment rates for the last several years have been lower than the percentage increases in the related cost of goods and services provided by general hospitals. The index used to adjust the DRG payment rates is based on a price statistic, known as the CMS Market Basket Index, reduced by congressionally mandated reduction factors.

DRG rate increases were 3.4%, 3.3%, 3.7%, 3.4%, and 3.5% for Federal fiscal years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008 respectively. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 originally set the increase in DRG payment rates for future Federal fiscal years at rates that are based on the market basket index, which in certain years have been, and in the future may be, subject to reduction factors. The Medicare, Medicaid and Health Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 ( BIPA ) amended the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 by giving hospitals a market basket increases minus 0.55% in fiscal year 2003. For Federal fiscal year 2004 and thereafter, hospitals received the full market basket rate increase. BIPA also made a number of changes to Medicare and Medicaid affecting payments to hospitals. All of our acute care hospitals qualify for some relief under BIPA. Some of the changes made by BIPA that affect our hospitals include:

the lowering of the threshold by which hospitals qualify as rural disproportionate share hospitals;

a decrease in reductions in payments to disproportionate share hospitals that had been mandated by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and other Congressional enactments;



an increase in inpatient payments to hospitals;

an increase in certain Medicare payments to certain psychiatric hospitals and units;

an increase in Medicare reimbursement for bad debts;

capping Medicare beneficiary ambulatory service co-payment amounts; and

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an increase in the categories and items eligible for increased reimbursement to hospitals for certain outpatient services rendered on and after April 1, 2001 (which increase includes items such as current cancer therapy drugs, biologicals, and certain medical devices).

If the update factor does not adequately reflect increases in SunLink's cost of providing inpatient services, our financial condition or results of operations could be negatively affected.

In November 2003, Congress enacted the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA). MMA requires hospitals to report specified quality data in order to receive full market basket rate increase on DRGs. Hospitals that do not report this information will receive the market basket percentage increase less 0.4 percentage points. On February 8, 2006 the President signed into law the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA). The DRA provides that, beginning with the payment update for the federal fiscal year beginning October 1, 2006 and each subsequent federal fiscal year, the annual percentage increase amount will be reduced by 2.0 percentage points for specified hospitals that do not submit certain quality data. In addition, the DRA required that CMS begin to expand the starter set of 10 quality measures that have been used since 2003. For the hospital inpatient prospective payment system (IPPS) for the federal fiscal year beginning and after October 1, 2006, CMS added new measures to the Reporting Hospital Quality Data for Annual Payment Update (RHQDAPU) program to bring the total to 21 measures for such federal fiscal year and 27 for the federal fiscal years beginning October 1, 2007. All of SunLink's hospitals are currently reporting the quality data and therefore receiving the full market basket rate increase.

Section 5001(c) of the DRA required HHS to implement rules pursuant to which hospitals must report the secondary diagnoses that are present on the admission (POA) of patients. By October 1, 2007, HHS was required to select at least two conditions that are: (1) high cost or high volume or both; (2) assigned to a higher paying DRG when present as a secondary diagnosis; and (3) reasonably preventable through application of evidence-based guidelines. Beginning October 1, 2008, cases with the selected conditions would not be assigned to a higher paying DRG unless they were present on admission. Currently CMS has selected nine conditions which are subject to such provisions.

MMA made a number of significant changes to the Medicare program, including a number of provisions designed to help strengthen and preserve access to medical care in rural areas by providing higher Medicare payments to small rural hospitals. In addition to a highly publicized prescription drug benefit that is intended to provide direct relief to Medicare beneficiaries, MMA provides a number of direct benefits to hospitals, including, but not limited to:

incorporation of the permanent single base payment or standardized amount for hospitals, resulting in increased payments for hospitals located in rural and small urban areas.

a permanent increase in the base payment rate for rural and small urban hospitals of 1.6% up to the large urban payment rate;

an increase in the cap on disproportionate share payments for rural and small urban hospitals, which, as of April 1, 2004, was increased to 12.0% of total inpatient payments;

extended indefinitely the hold harmless provisions for small rural hospitals and sole community hospitals under the Outpatient Department reform provisions of the MMA (these payment provisions are intended to ensure that small rural hospitals are paid at least as much under the outpatient prospective payment system as they would have received under the cost-based payment methodology in effect before August 2000); and

establishment of a physician incentive program for primary care and certain specialty physicians who provide services to individuals in areas having the fewest physicians available to serve Medicare beneficiaries, among others.

Each of SunLink's hospitals is an eligible hospital under one or more provisions of MMA.

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Each year, on or about August 1, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ( CMS ) issue a final rule that implements changes to the hospital inpatient prospective payment system (IPPS) for subsequent federal fiscal years. The August 1, 2006 final rule expanded previously implemented changes that according to CMS take significant steps to improve the accuracy of Medicare's payment for inpatient stays. The payment reforms, which are being phased in over time, align hospital payments more closely with the costs of a patient's care by using hospital costs rather than charges, and by accounting more fully for the severity of the patient's condition. The revised payments became effective for discharges on or after October 1, 2006.

The August 1, 2007 final rule adopted pursuant to MMA made further changes designed to continue to improve the accuracy of Medicare's payment under the acute care IPPS. The IPPS payment reforms are designed to restructure the inpatient diagnosis-related groups ( DRGs ) to account more fully for the severity of each patient's condition. In addition, the rule includes important provisions intended to ensure that Medicare no longer pays for the additional costs of certain preventable conditions (including certain infections) acquired in the hospital. The rule also reduces Medicare payments when a hospital replaces a device that is supplied to the hospital at no or reduced cost.

It is estimated that payments to all hospitals increased by an average of 3.5 percent for the federal fiscal year beginning October 1, 2007 when all provisions of the rule took effect, primarily as a result of a 3.3 percent market basket increase.

Payments to specific hospitals may increase more or less than the average depending on the patient mix of the specific hospital. For instance, urban hospitals generally treat more severely ill patients and are estimated to receive a 3.8 percent increase in payments. The rule created 745 new severity-adjusted DRGs to replace the previous 538 DRGs. Projected aggregate spending will not change as a result of the reforms. However, payments will increase for hospitals serving more severely ill patients and decrease for those serving patients who are less severely ill. The effect of the change in DRGs to our hospitals is unknown and depends on the acuity of services provided to future patients.

The rule also implemented a provision of the DRA that takes the first steps toward preventing Medicare from giving hospitals higher payment for the additional costs of treating a patient who acquires a condition (including an infection) during a hospital stay. Already the feature of many state health care programs, the DRA requires hospitals, effective as of October 1, 2007, to begin reporting secondary diagnoses that are present on the admission of patients, beginning with discharges on or after such date. Beginning on October 1, 2008, cases with these conditions are no longer paid at a higher rate unless these symptoms were present on admission. In order to improve the reliability of care in the nation's hospitals, the rule identifies eight conditions, including three serious preventable events (sometimes called "never events") that meet the statutory criteria. The effect of the future implementation of this DRA provision to our hospitals is not known.

Prior to July 1, 2005, long-term care psychiatric units within hospitals were exempt from the prospective payment system, and were reimbursed under the provisions of a cost-based system, subject to specific reimbursement caps. During a three year transition period beginning on July 1, 2005 such units were partially reimbursed based on a prospective payment system based on patient acuity with the remaining portion of the payment continuing to be reimbursed based on a cost based system. Under the transition period for the implementation of this new prospective system was 25% was reimbursed under the PPS system for the year ending June 30, 2006, and 50% was reimbursed under the PPS system for the year ending June 30, 2007 and 75% was reimbursed under the PPS system for the year ending June 30, 2008. Since July 1, 2008, long-term care psychiatric units are being reimbursed solely based on the federal inpatient psychiatric prospective payment rate. SunLink operates one psychiatric unit in one of its hospitals and believes this change will have a minimal effect on SunLink's consolidated revenues.

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### *Medicare Outpatient Reimbursement*

Most outpatient services provided by general hospitals are reimbursed by Medicare under the outpatient prospective payment system. This outpatient prospective payment system is based on a system of Ambulatory Payment Classifications ( APC ). Each APC is designed to represent a bundle of outpatient services, and each APC is assigned a fully prospective reimbursement rate. Medicare pays a set price or rate for each APC group, regardless of the actual cost incurred in providing care. Each APC rate generally is subject to adjustment each year by an update factor based on a market basket of services index. For calendar years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008 the update factor were 4.5%, 3.3%, 3.7%, 3.4%, and 3.8% respectively. If the update factor does not adequately reflect increases in SunLink's cost of providing outpatient services, our financial condition or results of operations could be negatively affected.

On November 1, 2007 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ( CMS ) issued a final rule updating the hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System ( OPPTS ), effective for services furnished during calendar year ( CY ) 2008, which encourages higher quality and accessible health care through new payment policies and the reporting of quality measures. The final rule with comment period also updated the payment rates for the revised ambulatory surgical center ( ASC ) payment system, beginning in CY 2008.

According to CMS The policies of the revised ASC payment system that are reflected in the 2008 payment rates further expand beneficiary choices by providing patients the flexibility to select, in consultation with their physicians, the most appropriate care setting for their particular surgical needs, the revised system takes a major step toward eliminating financial incentives for choosing one care setting over another, thereby placing patients' needs first, increasing efficiencies, and leading to savings for both beneficiaries and the Medicare program.

In this final rule, CMS also adopted the use of composite APCs to encourage efficiencies by providing one bundled payment for several major services. According to CMS Composite APCs encourage even greater hospital efficiencies than expanding packaging by making a single payment for the totality of hospital outpatient care provided during an encounter.

### *Medicare Disproportionate Share Payments*

In addition to the standard DRG payment, the Social Security Act requires that additional Medicare payments be made to hospitals with a disproportionate share of low income patients. BIPA provisions, effective for services provided on and after April 1, 2001, stipulate that rural facilities with fewer than 100 beds with a disproportionate share percentage greater than 15% will be classified as a disproportionate share hospital entitled to receive a supplemental disproportionate share payment based on gross DRG payments. Since April 1, 2004, the effective rate has been 12.0% of DRG payments. All of our hospitals were classified as disproportionate share hospitals at June 30, 2008. We estimate that Medicare disproportionate share payments represented approximately 1% of our net patient service revenues for the years ended June 30, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

### *Recovery Audit Contractors*

In 2005, CMS began using recovery audit contractors ( RACs ) to detect Medicare overpayments not identified through existing claims review mechanisms. The RAC program relies on private auditing firms to examine Medicare claims filed by healthcare providers. Fees to the RACs are paid on a contingency basis. The RAC program began as a demonstration project in three states (New York, California and Florida), but was made permanent by the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006. CMS plans to expand the RAC program to additional states beginning in 2008

and to have RACs in place in all 50 states by 2010.

RACs perform post-discharge audits of medical records to identify Medicare overpayments resulting from incorrect payment amounts, non-covered services, incorrectly coded services, and duplicate services. CMS has given RACs the authority to look back at claims up to three years old, provided that the claim was paid on or after October 1, 2007. Claims identified as overpayments will be subject to the Medicare appeals process.

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RACs are paid a contingency fee based on the overpayments they identify and collect. We expect that the RACs will look closely at claims submitted by our facilities in an attempt to identify possible overpayments. Although we believe the claims for reimbursement submitted to the Medicare program are accurate, we cannot predict whether we will be subject to RAC audits in the future, or if audited, what the result of such audits might be.

### *Medicaid In-Patient and Out Patient Reimbursement*

Each state operates a Medicaid program funded jointly by the state and the Federal government. Federal law governs the general management of the Medicaid program, but there is wide latitude for states to customize Medicaid programs to fit local needs and resources. As a result, each state Medicaid plan has its own payment formula and recipient eligibility criteria.

In the recent past the various states in which SunLink operates hospitals initiated increased efforts to reduce Medicaid assistance payments. These efforts and reductions have been triggered by an increased effort by CMS to decrease the federal share of payments for Medicaid beneficiaries as well as by the significant increases in program utilization resulting from increased enrollment and from budgetary cuts facing states where SunLink operates. In particular, Georgia, where SunLink operates three hospitals, has begun initiatives to decrease the Medicaid funds paid to providers.

*Georgia* Historically, the state of Georgia has reimbursed Medicaid providers for inpatient services in a manner similar to the Medicare prospective payment system in that hospitals received a fixed fee for inpatient hospital services based on the established fixed payment amount per discharge for categories of hospital treatment, known as DRGs. These Medicaid DRG payments do not consider a specific hospital's costs, but are statewide rates adjusted for each hospital's capital cost allotment.

Medicaid outpatient services are reimbursed with interim rates based on a facility specific cost to charge ratio. These interim payments are then adjusted subsequent to the end of the cost reporting period to an amount equal to 85.6% of the costs associated with providing care to the Medicaid outpatient population. Beginning in Georgia's fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, Georgia implemented a Medicaid HMO program and awarded contracts to private companies for the management and processing of certain Medicaid claims. The intent of the Medicaid HMO program is to curtail utilization and reduce rates paid by the State of Georgia. All of SunLink's facilities that operate in the state of Georgia have secured contracts with all the HMO companies contracted by the state. Since the implementation of the Medicaid HMO program, all SunLink hospitals receive reimbursement from three different contractors instead of a single source prior to the implementation. While the amounts of the inpatient payments have not changed since the contractors utilize the same payment rates, the timing of the receipt of the payments has changed due to the multiple payors. For outpatient services, the SunLink hospitals have contracts with the three HMO vendors and services are reimbursed 102% of the current interim rate determined by the Georgia Department of Community Health.

### *Government Reimbursement Program Administration and Adjustments*

The Medicare, Medicaid and CHAMPUS TriCare programs are subject to statutory and regulatory changes, administrative rulings, interpretations and determinations, requirements for utilization review and new governmental funding restrictions, all of which may materially increase or decrease program payments as well as affect the cost of providing services and the timing of payments to facilities.

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All hospitals participating in the Medicare and Medicaid programs, whether paid on a reasonable cost basis or under a prospective payment system, are required to meet certain financial reporting requirements. Federal and, where applicable, state regulations require the submission of annual cost reports covering the revenue, costs and expenses associated with the services provided by each hospital to Medicare beneficiaries and Medicaid recipients.



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Annual cost reports required under the Medicare and Medicaid programs are subject to routine audits which may result in adjustments to the amounts ultimately determined to be due to SunLink under these reimbursement programs. These audits often require several years to reach the final determination of amounts due. Providers also have rights of appeal and it is common to contest issues raised in audits of prior years' cost reports. Although the final outcome of these audits and the nature and amounts of any adjustments are difficult to predict, we believe that we have made adequate provisions in our financial statements for adjustments that may result from these audits and that final resolution of any contested issues should not have a material adverse effect upon our consolidated results of operations or financial position. Until final adjustment, however, significant issues may remain unresolved and previously determined allowances could become either inadequate or greater than ultimately required.

If SunLink or any of our facilities were found to be in violation of Federal or state laws relating to Medicare, Medicaid or similar programs, SunLink could be subject to substantial monetary fines, civil penalties and exclusion from future participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Any such sanctions could have a material adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations.

## **SPECIALITY PHARMACY OPERATIONS**

Our Specialty Pharmacy segment is operated through SunLink ScriptsRx, LLC (of which Carmichael's Cashway Pharmacy, Inc. is currently the sole operating subsidiary) and is a pharmacy operations segment composed of four material service lines:

1. Specialty Pharmacy Services, which services may overlap somewhat with our home health care services by virtue of common methods of delivery, generally in a non-hospital setting but which are not presently conducted in any of our healthcare facilities markets and ordinarily include one or more of the following elements:

The provision of products relating to infusion therapy, enteral feeding services, oncology and chemotherapy drug administration, cardiac, diabetes, pain management, wound care, and psychiatric services.

Pharmaceutical or biological products administered via non-oral means, which are frequently through injectable or infusion therapies;

Products delivered to the patients via express package or hand delivery and requiring special handling such as constant refrigeration or having an extremely limited shelf life;

Products that generally are administered in a non-hospital setting, including the physician office, specialty clinic or patients home.

The provision of pharmaceuticals or biological not managed under the traditional outpatient prescription drug benefit; and

Therapies that require complex care, patient education and continuous monitoring.

The major conditions these drugs treat include, but are not limited to: cancer, HIV/AIDS, hemophilia, hepatitis C, multiple sclerosis, infertility, Crohn's disease, rheumatoid arthritis, and growth hormone deficiency.

2. Institutional Pharmacy Services, consisting of the provision of specialty and non-specialty pharmaceuticals and biological products to institutional clients or to patients in institutional settings such as nursing homes, hospices, and correctional facilities;
3. Durable Medical Equipment, consisting primarily of products for patient administered home care such as oxygen concentrators, liquid oxygen systems, continuous positive airway pressure or CPAP machines, nebulizers, diabetes management products and prosthetics;
4. Retail Pharmacy Products and Services, consisting primarily of walk-in sales at our three distribution facilities in Louisiana of complementary products including non-specialty pharmaceuticals, vitamins,

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supplements and nutritionals. We view our retail sales operations as a source of incremental revenue to us while providing value added service to our patients in the form of full service pharmacy offerings.

### **Government Reimbursement Programs**

As previously noted, in 2003, Congress passed the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, also known as the Medicare Modernization Act ( MMA ). Regulations implementing the mandates under the MMA reduced the reimbursement for healthcare providers in urban areas for a number of products and services provided by our pharmacy operations and established a competitive bidding program for certain durable medical equipment provided under Medicare Part B in urban areas. Competitive bidding is intended to further reduce reimbursement for certain products and will likely decrease the number of companies permitted to serve Medicare beneficiaries in the competitive bidding areas ( CBAs ). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ( CMS ) had planned to implement the competitive bidding program for Medicare durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies ( DMEPOS ) products and services with the goal of offering beneficiaries access to quality with lower out-of-pocket costs. The program has, however, been deferred indefinitely, and whether or not the program is implemented in the future is unknown.

We were exempted under the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 from the proposed competitive acquisition program for DMEPOS, but we cannot be sure such exemption would continue to be available in the future or that the program will be implemented in the future as it was originally designed . Loss of the exemption could have an adverse effect on our results of operation.

The MMA also created a new Medicare prescription drug benefit (beginning in 2006) and, more immediately, a prescription drug card program. On January 21, 2005, the CMS issued final rules implementing the portions of the MMA relating to the new prescription drug benefit.

In addition to these new programs, the MMA also made changes affecting payments for drugs under Medicare s existing benefits. Section 303(c) of the MMA revised the payment methodology for Part B covered drugs that are not paid on a cost or prospective payment basis. In particular, section 303(c) of the MMA amended Title XVIII of the Act by adding section 1847A, which moved from a system based on average wholesale price or ( AWP ) to one based on a new average sales price ( ASP ) drug payment system. Since January 1, 2005, drugs and biologicals not paid on a cost or prospective payment basis are paid based on the ASP methodology. Principal among these latter changes was a modification in the method of calculating reimbursements for certain oncology, renal dialysis, and other drugs. There are exceptions to this general rule which are listed in the latest ASP quarterly change request ( CR ) document. The ASP methodology uses quarterly drug pricing data submitted to the CMS by drug manufacturers. CMS will supply contractors with the ASP drug pricing files for Medicare Part B drugs on a quarterly basis.

Beginning in January 2008, CMS s outpatient prospective payment system began paying for most separately payable Medicare Part B drugs administered in a hospital outpatient setting at a reimbursement level of ASP plus 5% and ASP plus 6% in other settings. Such outpatient price represented a decrease from ASP + 6% and is part of a CMS plan to transition to even lower reimbursement rates of ASP +3% in calendar year 2009.

Section 303(d) of the MMA also requires the implementation of a competitive acquisition program (the Part B CAP ) for Medicare Part B drugs and biologicals not paid on a cost or prospective payment system basis. The Part B CAP is an alternative to the ASP methodology for acquiring certain Part B drugs which are administered incident to a physician s services. Currently, the Part B CAP is a voluntary program that offers physicians the option to acquire many injectable and infused drugs they use in their practice from an approved Part B CAP vendor, thus reducing the time and cost of buying and billing for drugs. Currently, the CAP for Part B Drugs and Biologicals is only for injectable and infused drugs currently billed under Part B that are administered in a physician s office, incident to a physician s service.

In late 2005, CMS conducted the first round of bidding for approved Part B CAP vendors. The Part B CAP was implemented on July 1, 2006. The 2009-2011 CAP vendor bidding period concluded on February 15, 2008.

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Submitted applications are now being evaluated by CMS. A three year contract for 2009-2011 will be awarded to vendors for each program geographic area who have and maintain: 1) sufficient means to acquire and deliver competitively biddable drugs within the specified contract area; 2) arrangements in effect for shipping at least 5 days each week for the competitively biddable drugs under the contract and means to ship drugs in emergency situations; 3) quality, service, financial performance and solvency standards; and 4) a grievance and appeals process for dispute resolution. Up to five vendors may be selected, although only one vendor is currently approved. Approved Part B CAP vendors must also qualify for enrollment in Medicare. For 2009-2011, the Part B CAP will continue to have one geographic area which includes all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. Any Part B CAP Vendor must also be licensed in accordance with state and Federal requirements and in a manner that will allow the applicant to supply CAP drugs in the geographic area.

At least one Medicaid program has adopted, and other Medicaid programs, some states and some private payors may be expected to adopt, those aspects of the MMA that either result in or appear to result in price reductions for drugs covered by such programs. Adoption of ASP as the measure for determining reimbursement by Medicare and Medicaid programs for the drugs sold by our specialty pharmacy operations could reduce revenue and gross margins and could materially affect our current AWP based reimbursement structure with private payors.

We cannot assure you that the ASP reimbursement methodology will not be extended to the provision of all specialty pharmaceuticals or to the specialty pharmaceuticals most often sold by our specialty pharmacy operations or that we will continue to be able to operate our specialty pharmacy operations profitably at either existing or at lower reimbursement rates. Likewise, we cannot assure you that the Part B CAP program will not be extended to rural or exurban areas in general or to the areas in which we operate, or may seek to operate, in particular or that we would be able to meet the qualifications to become a Part B CAP vendor either now or at any time in the future.

## **Competition**

There are many companies which provide one or more of the healthcare operations which comprise our pharmacy operations. Home healthcare business competitors range in size from small entrepreneurial operations to rapidly expanding businesses with strategies for national operations such as Amedisys, Inc., Apria Healthcare Group, Inc., Gentiva Health Services, Inc., and Walgreen Co. Specialty pharmacy operators range from local or regional pharmacies to large public companies such as Option Care, Inc., a subsidiary of Walgreen Co., CVS Caremark Corporation, Priority Healthcare Corporation and MIM Corporation.

## **Healthcare Regulation**

### *Overview*

The healthcare industry is one of the largest industries in the United States and continues to attract much legislative interest and public attention. There are many factors that are highly significant to the healthcare industry including Medicare, Medicaid, and other public and private hospital cost-containment programs, proposals to limit healthcare spending and proposals to limit prices and industry competition factors. The healthcare industry is governed by an extremely complex framework of Federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.

There continue to be Federal and state proposals that would, and actions that do, impose limitations on government and private payments to providers, including community hospitals. In addition, there regularly are proposals to increase co-payments and deductibles from program and

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private patients. Hospital facilities also are affected by controls imposed by government and private payors designed to reduce admissions and lengths of stay. Such controls include what is commonly referred to as utilization review. Utilization review entails the review of a patient's admission and course of treatment by a third party. Historically, utilization review has resulted in a decrease in certain treatments and procedures being performed. Utilization review is required in

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connection with the provision of care which is to be funded by Medicare and Medicaid and is also required under many managed care arrangements.

Many states have enacted, or are considering enacting, additional measures that are designed to reduce their Medicaid expenditures and to make changes to private healthcare insurance. Various states have applied, or are considering applying, for a waiver from current Medicaid regulations in order to allow them to serve some of their Medicaid participants through managed care providers. These proposals also may attempt to include coverage for some people who presently are uninsured, and generally could have the effect of reducing payments to hospitals, physicians and other providers for the same level of service provided under Medicaid.

### *Healthcare Facility Regulation*

#### **Certificate of Need Requirements**

A number of states require approval for the purchase, construction and expansion of various healthcare facilities, including findings of need for additional or expanded healthcare facilities or services. Certificates of need ( CON ), which are issued by governmental agencies with jurisdiction over applicable healthcare facilities, are at times required for capital expenditures exceeding a prescribed amount, changes in bed capacity or the addition of services and certain other matters. All four states in which SunLink currently operates hospitals (Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Missouri) have CON laws that apply to such facilities. The two states (Georgia and Mississippi) in which SunLink currently operates nursing homes/skilled nursing facilities also have CON laws that apply to nursing homes and other skilled nursing facilities. States periodically review, modify and revise their CON laws and related regulations.

In addition, future healthcare facility acquisitions may occur in states that require certificates of need. SunLink is unable to predict whether its healthcare facilities will be able to obtain any certificates of need that may be necessary to accomplish their business objectives in any jurisdiction where such certificates of need are required. Violation of these state laws may result in the imposition of civil sanctions or the revocation of licenses for such facilities.

Future healthcare facility acquisitions may occur in states that do not require certificates of need or which have less stringent CON requirements than the states in which SunLink currently operates healthcare facilities. Any healthcare facility operated by SunLink in such states may face increased competition from new or expanding facilities operated by competitors.

#### **Utilization Review Compliance and Hospital Governance**

SunLink's healthcare facilities are subject to, and comply with, various forms of utilization review. In addition, under the Medicare prospective payment system, each state must have a peer review organization to carry out a federally mandated system of review of Medicare patient admissions, treatments and discharges in hospitals. Medical and surgical services and physician practices are supervised by committees of staff doctors at each healthcare facility; are overseen by each healthcare facility's local governing board, the primary voting members of which are physicians and community members; and are reviewed by SunLink's quality assurance personnel. The local governing boards also help maintain standards for quality care, develop long-range plans, establish, review and enforce practices and procedures and approve the credentials and disciplining of medical staff members.

Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act

All of our facilities are subject to the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act ( EMTALA ) This federal law requires any hospital that participates in the Medicare program to conduct an appropriate medical screening examination of every person who presents himself to the hospital s emergency department for treatment and, if the patient is suffering from an emergency medical condition, to either stabilize that condition or make an appropriate transfer of the patient to a facility that can handle the condition. The obligation to screen and stabilize emergency medical conditions exists regardless of a patient s ability to pay for treatment. There are



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severe penalties under EMTALA if a hospital fails to screen or appropriately stabilize or transfer a patient or if the hospital delays appropriate treatment in order to first inquire about the patient's ability to pay. Penalties for violations of EMTALA include civil monetary penalties and exclusion from participation in the Medicare program. In addition, an injured patient, the patient's family or a medical facility that suffers a financial loss as a direct result of another hospital's violation of the law can bring a civil suit against the hospital.

In a final rule, effective November 10, 2003, CMS clarified when a patient is considered to be on a hospital's property for purposes of treating the person pursuant to EMTALA. CMS stated that off-campus facilities such as specialty clinics, surgery centers and other facilities that lack emergency departments should not be subject to EMTALA, but that these locations must have a plan explaining how the location should proceed in an emergency situation such as transferring the patient to the closest hospital with an emergency department. CMS further clarified that hospital-owned ambulances could transport a patient to the closest emergency department instead of to the hospital that owns the ambulance.

CMS rules did not specify on-call physician requirements for an emergency department, but provided a subjective standard stating that on-call hospital schedules should meet the hospital's and community's needs. CMS also did not directly address a number of issues, including whether EMTALA applies to direct admissions, individuals who come to a hospital pursuant to a physician's orders for a routine procedure, individuals who present themselves at a hospital's psychiatric department or delivery/labor department, and whether screening requirements apply to patients transferred from other facilities. Although we believe that our hospitals comply with EMTALA, we cannot predict whether CMS will implement new requirements in the future and whether we will be able to comply with any new requirements.

## Conversion Legislation

Many states, including some where we have hospitals and others where we may in the future acquire hospitals, have adopted legislation regarding the sale or other disposition of hospitals operated by not-for-profit entities. In other states that do not have specific legislation, state attorneys generally have demonstrated an interest in these transactions under their general obligations to protect charitable assets from waste. These legislative and administrative efforts primarily focus on the appropriate valuation of the assets divested and the use of the proceeds of the sale by the not-for-profit seller. These reviews and, in some instances, approval processes can add additional time to the closing of a hospital acquisition. There can be no assurance that future actions on the state level will not seriously delay or even prevent our ability to acquire hospitals. If these activities are widespread, they could limit our ability to acquire additional hospitals or increase our acquisition costs.

## *Pharmacy Operations Regulation*

## Overview

Much like our healthcare facility operations, our pharmacy operations are subject to various Federal and state statutes and regulations governing their operations including laws and regulations with respect to operation of pharmacies, repackaging of drug products, wholesale distribution, dispensing of controlled substances, cross jurisdictional sale and distribution of pharmacy products, medical waste disposal, clinical trials and non-discriminatory access. Federal statutes and regulations govern the labeling, packaging, advertising and adulteration of prescription drugs and the dispensing of controlled substances. Federal controlled substance laws require us to register our pharmacies and repackaging facilities with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and to comply with security, recordkeeping, inventory control and labeling standards in order to dispense controlled substances. Although we believe that our pharmacy operations have obtained or are obtaining the permits and/or licenses required to conduct our pharmacy operations, failure to have the necessary permits and licenses could have a material adverse effect on our pharmacy business, and our financial condition or results of operations.



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### **Mail Order Activities**

Currently the activities of our hospital pharmacies are ancillary to the operations of the facilities they serve. In contrast, the operations of our pharmacy operations segment are stand-alone operations that, in addition to walk-in customers, distribute pharmaceuticals through a variety of delivery methods, including by mail and express delivery services. Many states in which we deliver or may seek to deliver pharmaceuticals have laws and regulations that require out-of-state mail service pharmacies to register with, or be licensed by, the boards of pharmacy or similar regulatory bodies in those states. These states generally permit the dispensing pharmacy to follow the laws of the state within which the dispensing pharmacy is located.

However, various state Medicaid programs have enacted laws and/or adopted rules or regulations directed at restricting or prohibiting the operation of out-of-state pharmacies by, among other things, requiring compliance with all laws of the states into which the out-of-state pharmacy dispenses medications, whether or not those laws conflict with the laws of the state in which the pharmacy is located, or requiring the pharmacist-in-charge to be licensed in that state. To the extent that such laws or regulations are found to be applicable to our operations, we believe our pharmacy operations comply with them in all material respects. To the extent that any of the foregoing laws or regulations prohibit or restrict the operation of mail service pharmacies and are found to be applicable to our pharmacy operations, they could have an adverse effect on our ability to expand our pharmacy operations, which currently are concentrated in Louisiana. A number of state Medicaid programs prohibit the participation in those states by out-of-state retail or mail service pharmacies, whether in-state or out-of-state.

### **Advertising and Marketing Regulations**

There are also other statutes and regulations which may also affect advertising, marketing and distribution of pharmacy products by our pharmacy operations. The Federal Trade Commission requires mail order sellers of goods generally to engage in truthful advertising, to stock a reasonable supply of the products to be sold, to fill mail orders within 30 days, and to provide clients with refunds when appropriate.

### ***Healthcare Regulations of General Application***

### **Licensing Requirements**

SunLink's healthcare operations are subject to extensive federal, state and local licensing requirements. In order to maintain their operating licenses, our healthcare facility operations must comply with strict standards concerning medical care, equipment and hygiene. Various licenses and permits also are required in order to handle radioactive materials and operate certain equipment. All licenses, provider numbers, and other permits or approvals required to perform our business operations are held by individual subsidiaries of SunLink. Each of our hospital operating subsidiaries operates only a single hospital. All of SunLink's hospitals, except the leased hospital in Dexter, Missouri, are fully accredited by JCAHO.

### **Drugs and Controlled Substances**

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Various licenses and permits are required by our healthcare facilities and pharmacy operations in order to dispense narcotics and operate pharmacies. We are required to register our pharmacy operations for permits and/or licenses with, and comply with certain operating and security standards of, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, or DEA, the Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, State Boards of Pharmacy, state health departments and other state agencies in states where we operate or may seek to operate.

State controlled substance laws require registration and compliance with state pharmacy licensure, registration or permit standards promulgated by the state's pharmacy licensing authority. Such standards often address the qualification of an applicant's personnel, the adequacy of its prescription fulfillment and inventory control practices and the adequacy of its facilities. In general, pharmacy licenses are renewed annually. Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians employed at each of our dispensing locations must also satisfy applicable state licensing requirements.

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### **Fraud and Abuse, Anti-Kickback and Self-Referral Regulations**

Participation in the Medicare and/or Medicaid programs is heavily regulated by federal statutes and regulations. If a hospital fails to comply substantially with the numerous federal laws governing a facility's activities, the hospital's participation in the Medicare and/or Medicaid programs may be terminated and/or civil or criminal penalties may be imposed. For example, a hospital may lose its ability to participate in the Medicare and/or Medicaid programs if it performs any of the following acts:

making claims to Medicare and/or Medicaid for services not provided or misrepresenting actual services provided in order to obtain higher payments;

paying money to induce the referral of patients or purchase of items or services where such items or services are reimbursable under a federal or state health program; or

failing to provide appropriate emergency medical screening services to any individual who comes to a hospital's campus or otherwise failing to properly treat and transfer emergency patients.

Sections of the Anti-Fraud and Abuse Amendments to the Social Security Act, commonly known as the anti-kickback statute, prohibit certain business practices and relationships that might influence the provision and cost of healthcare services reimbursable under Medicaid, Medicare or other Federal healthcare programs, including the payment or receipt of remuneration for the referral of patients whose care will be funded by Medicare or other government programs. Sanctions for violating the anti-kickback statute include criminal penalties and civil sanctions, including fines and possible exclusion from future participation in government programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid. Pursuant to the Medicare and Medicaid Patient and Program Protection Act of 1987, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued regulations that create safe harbors under the anti-kickback statute. A given business arrangement that does not fall within an enumerated safe harbor is not *per se* illegal; however, business arrangements that fail to satisfy the applicable safe harbor criteria are subject to increased scrutiny by enforcement authorities. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) broadened the scope of the fraud and abuse laws by adding several criminal statutes that are not related to receipt of payments from a federal healthcare program. HIPAA created civil penalties for proscribed conduct, including upcoding and billing for medically unnecessary goods or services. These new laws cover all health insurance programs, private as well as governmental. In addition, HIPAA broadened the scope of certain fraud and abuse laws, such as the anti-kickback statute, to include not just Medicare and Medicaid services, but all healthcare services reimbursed under a Federal or state healthcare program. Finally, HIPAA established new enforcement mechanisms to combat fraud and abuse. These new mechanisms include a bounty system where a portion of the payment recovered is returned to the government agencies, as well as a whistleblower program, where a portion of the payment received is paid to the whistleblower. HIPAA also expands the categories of persons that may be excluded from participation in federal and state healthcare programs.

There is increasing scrutiny by law enforcement authorities, the Office of Inspector General of the HHS, the courts and the U.S. Congress of arrangements between healthcare providers and potential referral sources to ensure that the arrangements are not designed as mechanisms to exchange remuneration for patient-care referrals and opportunities. Investigators also have demonstrated a willingness to look behind the formalities of a business transaction to determine the underlying purpose of payments between healthcare providers and potential referral sources. Enforcement actions have increased, as is evidenced by highly publicized enforcement investigations of certain hospital activities.

In addition, provisions of the Social Security Act, known as the Stark Act, also prohibit physicians from referring Medicare and Medicaid patients to providers of a broad range of designated health services with which the physicians or their immediate family members have ownership or certain other financial arrangements. Certain exceptions are available for employment agreements, leases, physician recruitment and certain other physician arrangements. A person making a referral, or seeking payment for services referred, in violation of the Stark Act is subject to civil monetary penalties of up to \$15 for each service; restitution of any amounts received for illegally billed claims; and/or exclusion from future participation in the Medicare program, which can subject the person or entity to exclusion from future participation in state

healthcare programs.

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Further, if any physician or entity enters into an arrangement or scheme that the physician or entity knows or should have known has the principal purpose of assuring referrals by the physician to a particular entity, and the physician directly makes referrals to such entity, then such physician or entity could be subject to a civil monetary penalty of up to \$100. Many states have adopted or are considering similar legislative proposals, some of which extend beyond the Medicaid program, to prohibit the payment or receipt of remuneration for the referral of patients and physician self-referrals regardless of the source of the payment for the care.

## The Federal False Claims Act and Similar State Laws

A significant factor affecting the healthcare industry today is the use of the Federal False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729 *et. seq.*, and, in particular, actions brought by individuals on behalf of the United States under the *qui tam* or whistleblower provisions of the False Claims Act. Whistleblower provisions allow private individuals to bring actions on behalf of the United States alleging that the defendant has defrauded the Federal Government.

Violations of the False Claims Act are punishable by damages equal to three times the actual damages sustained by the government, plus mandatory civil penalties of between \$6 and \$11 for each separate false claim. Settlements entered prior to litigation usually involve a less severe damages methodology. There are many potential bases for liability under the False Claims Act. Liability often arises when an entity knowingly submits a false claim for reimbursement to the Federal Government. The False Claims Act defines the term knowingly broadly. Thus, although simple negligence will not give rise to liability under the False Claims Act, submitting a claim with reckless disregard for its truth or falsity constitutes a knowing submission under the False Claims Act and, therefore, will provide grounds for liability. In some cases whistleblowers or the Federal government have taken the position that providers who allegedly have violated other statutes, such as the anti-kickback statute and the Stark Act, likewise thereby have submitted false claims under the False Claims Act. A number of states have adopted their own false claims provisions as well as their own whistleblower provisions whereby a private party may file a civil lawsuit in state court on behalf of such state governments.

## HIPAA Transaction, Privacy and Security Requirements

HIPAA and federal regulations issued pursuant to HIPAA contain, among other measures, provisions that require us to implement modified or new computer systems, employee training programs and business procedures. The federal regulations are intended to encourage electronic commerce in the healthcare industry, provide for the confidentiality and privacy of patient healthcare information and ensure the security of healthcare information.

A violation of the HIPAA regulations could result in civil money penalties of \$1 per incident, up to a maximum of \$25 per person per year per standard. HIPAA also provides for criminal penalties of up to \$50 and one year in prison for knowingly and improperly obtaining or disclosing protected health information, up to \$100 and five years in prison for obtaining protected health information under false pretenses and up to \$250 and ten years in prison for obtaining or disclosing protected health information with the intent to sell, transfer or use such information for commercial advantage, personal gain or malicious harm. Since there is no significant history of enforcement efforts by the federal government at this time, it is not possible to ascertain the likelihood of enforcement efforts in connection with the HIPAA regulations or the potential for fines and penalties, which may result from any violation of the regulations.

## HIPAA Privacy Regulations

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HIPAA provided that if Congress did not pass comprehensive health privacy legislation, the Secretary of HHS was required to issue regulations designed to protect the privacy of individually identifiable health information. Congress did not pass such legislation and HHS ultimately published final privacy regulations in 2000. The final privacy rule regulations contained technical corrections and additional clarifications designed to ensure that protections for patient privacy were implemented in a manner that maximizes privacy while not



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compromising either the availability or the quality of medical care. The regulations became effective in April 2001 and compliance was required by April 2003. In 2002, HHS published modifications to the privacy rule regulation. The regulations increased consumers' control over their medical records, mandate substantial financial penalties for violation of a patient's right to privacy and, with a few exceptions, require that an individual's health information only be used for healthcare-related purposes. These privacy standards apply to all health plans, all healthcare clearinghouses and healthcare providers, such as our facilities, that transmit health information in an electronic form in connection with standard transactions, and apply to individually identifiable information held or disclosed by a covered entity in any form. These standards impose extensive administrative requirements on our facilities and require compliance with rules governing the use and disclosure of this health information, and they require our facilities to impose these rules, by contract, on any business associate to whom we disclose such information in order to perform functions on behalf of our facilities. In addition, our facilities will continue to remain subject to any state laws that are more restrictive than the privacy regulations issued under HIPAA. These laws vary by state and could impose stricter standards and additional penalties.

The HIPAA privacy regulations also require healthcare providers to implement and enforce privacy policies to ensure compliance with the regulations and standards. Under the direction of SunLink's Vice President, Technical and Compliance Services, and in conjunction with a private HIPAA consultant and HIPAA coordinators at each facility, individually tailored policies and procedures were developed and implemented and HIPAA privacy educational programs were presented to all employees and physicians at each facility prior to the compliance deadline. We believe we are in compliance with current HIPAA privacy regulations.

## HIPAA Electronic Data Standards

The Administrative Simplification Provisions of HIPAA require the use of uniform electronic data transmission standards for all healthcare related electronic data interchange. These provisions are intended to streamline and encourage electronic commerce in the healthcare industry. Among other things, these provisions require healthcare facilities to use standard data formats and code sets established by HHS when electronically transmitting information in connection with certain transactions, including health claims and equivalent encounter information, healthcare payment and remittance advice and health claim status.

In 2000, HHS published final regulations establishing electronic data transmission standards that all healthcare providers and payors must use when submitting and receiving certain electronic healthcare transactions. When fully implemented, the uniform data transmission standards are designed to enable healthcare providers to exchange billing and payment information directly with the many payors thereby eliminating data clearinghouses and simplifying the interface programs necessary to perform this function. Compliance with these standards was required by October 2003. We believe that SunLink was fully compliant with the regulations and standards by the compliance date. We have implemented a new management information system at our facilities and at our corporate headquarters over the last several years and we believe that such system complies with HIPAA electronic data regulations and standards.

## HIPAA Security Standards

The Administrative Simplification Provisions of HIPAA also required the implementation of a series of security standards for the protection of electronic health information. The final rule adopting HIPAA standards for the security of electronic health information required compliance by April 20, 2005. This final rule specifies a series of administrative, technical and physical security procedures for covered entities to use to assure the confidentiality of electronic protected health information. The standards are delineated into either required or addressable implementation specifications.

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Under the direction of SunLink's Vice President, Technical and Compliance Services, and in conjunction with a consortium of rural hospitals, private HIPAA security consultants and HIPAA security officers at each facility, security assessments were performed, individually tailored plans to apply required or addressable solutions were implemented and a set of security policies and procedures were implemented. In addition, an

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individually tailored comprehensive disaster contingency plan was developed and adopted by each facility and a HIPAA security training program presented to all applicable personnel. SunLink believes it is in full compliance with all aspects of the HIPAA security regulations.

## **HIPAA National Provider Identifier**

HIPAA also required HHS to issue regulations establishing standard unique health identifiers for individuals, employers, health plans and healthcare providers to be used in connection with standard electronic transactions. All healthcare providers, including our facilities, were required to obtain a new National Provider Identifier ( NPI ) to be used in standard transactions instead of other numerical identifiers by May 23, 2007. Our facilities have fully implemented use of a standard unique healthcare identifier by utilizing their employer identification number. HHS has not yet issued proposed rules that establish the standard for unique health identifiers for health plans or individuals. Once these regulations are issued in final form, we expect to have approximately one to two years to become fully compliant, but cannot predict the impact of such changes at this time. We cannot predict whether our facilities may experience payment delays during the transition to the new identifiers.

## **Environmental Regulations**

Our operations, especially our healthcare facility operations, generate medical waste that must be disposed of in compliance with federal, state and local environmental laws, rules and regulations. Our operations also generally are subject to various other environmental laws, rules and regulations.

## **SUNLINK OPERATIONS**

### **Regulatory Compliance Program**

SunLink maintains a company-wide compliance program under the direction of Jerome Orth, Vice President, Technical and Compliance Services. Mr. Orth has over twenty-nine years experience in reimbursement in multi-hospital corporations, at both the facility and corporate level. SunLink's compliance program is directed at all areas of regulatory compliance, including physician recruitment, reimbursement and cost reporting practices, and laboratory and home healthcare operations. Each hospital designates a compliance officer and develops plans to correct problems should they arise. In addition, all employees are provided with a copy of and given an introduction to SunLink's *Code of Conduct*, which includes ethical and compliance guidelines and instructions about the proper resources to utilize in order to address any concerns that may arise. Each hospital conducts annual training to re-emphasize SunLink's *Code of Conduct*. We monitor our corporate compliance program to respond to developments in healthcare regulations and the industry. SunLink also maintains a toll-free hotline to permit employees to report compliance concerns on an anonymous basis.

### **Professional Liability**

As part of our business, we are subject to claims of liability for events occurring in the ordinary course of operations. To cover these claims, we maintain professional malpractice liability insurance and general liability insurance in amounts, which are commercially available, that we

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believe are sufficient for our operations, although some claims may exceed the scope or amount of the coverage in effect.

In connection with the acquisition of our initial six community hospitals, SunLink assumed responsibility for general and professional liability claims reported after February 1, 2001 (our acquisition date of such hospitals), and the previous owner retained responsibility for all known and filed claims. We have purchased claims-made commercial insurance (with a substantial self-insured retention) for coverage prior to and after the acquisition date. The recorded liability for general and professional liability risks includes an estimate of the liability for claims incurred prior to February 1, 2001, but reported after February 1, 2001 and for claims incurred after February 1, 2001. In connection with the acquisition of HealthMont and its two hospitals, SunLink assumed responsibility for all professional liability claims. HealthMont had purchased claims-made commercial insurance

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for claims made prior to the acquisition. The recorded liability for professional liability risks includes an estimate of liability for claims assumed at the acquisition and for claims incurred after the acquisition. These estimates are based on actuarially determined amounts. In June 2004, SunLink sold Mountainside Medical Center, one of our initial six hospitals, but retained all liabilities and obligations arising from Mountainside's operations prior to the date of such sale and purchased a 7 year, claims-made, extended discovery period (tail) policy for potential professional liability claims relating to Mountainside.

## **Discontinued Operations and Related Contingent Obligations**

Over the past 19 years we have discontinued operations carried on by our former Mountainside Medical Center and our former industrial and life sciences and engineering segments, and our former U.K. child safety, leisure marine, and housewares segments. SunLink's reserves relating to discontinued operations of these segments represent management's best estimate of our possible liability for property, product liability and other claims for which we may incur liability. These estimates are based on management's judgments using currently available information as well as, in certain instances, consultation with our insurance carriers and legal counsel. While estimates have been based on the evaluation of available information, it is not possible to predict with certainty the ultimate outcome of many contingencies relating to discontinued operations. We intend to adjust our estimates of the reserves as additional information is developed and evaluated. However, management believes that the final resolution of these contingencies will not have a material adverse impact on the financial position, cash flows or results of operations of the Company.

### *Beldray Limited*

SunLink sold its former U.K. manufacturing subsidiary, Beldray Limited (Beldray), to two of Beldray's managers in October 2001. Beldray has since entered into administrative receivership. KRUG International U.K. Ltd. (KRUG UK), a U.K. subsidiary of SunLink, entered into a guarantee (the Beldray Lease Guarantee) at a time when it owned Beldray. The Beldray Lease Guarantee covers Beldray's obligations under a lease of a portion of Beldray's former manufacturing location. In October 2004, KRUG UK received correspondence from the landlord of such facility that the rent payment of 94,000 British pounds (\$181) for the fourth quarter of 2004 had not been paid by Beldray and requesting payment of such amount pursuant to the Beldray Lease Guarantee. In January 2005, KRUG UK received further correspondence from the landlord demanding two quarterly rent payments totaling 188,000 British pounds (\$362) under the Beldray Lease Guarantee. On January 7, 2005, the landlord filed a petition in the High Court of Justice Chancery Division to wind up KRUG UK under the provisions of the Insolvency Act of 1986 and KRUG UK was placed into involuntary liquidation by the High Court in February 2005. After that date, the court-appointed liquidator of KRUG UK made certain inquiries to SunLink and the subsidiary's directors regarding the activities of KRUG UK prior to the liquidation to which SunLink has responded.

On August 6, 2007, the liquidator of KRUG UK made an application in the Birmingham County Court in Birmingham, England, in which the liquidator is seeking a declaration by the court that a transfer of certain funds in 2001 from KRUG UK to SunLink in connection with the purchase of certain preferred stock of another subsidiary of SunLink and the making of a loan to SunLink, and certain forgiveness of debt to SunLink by KRUG UK was improper, among other things, as KRUG UK was then effectively insolvent and that the approval of such transfers by the then directors of KRUG UK resulted in a breach of their fiduciary duties. The liquidator seeks to have the court order the former directors or, in the alternative, the Company, to account for, repay or restore such funds plus interest to the liquidator of KRUG UK. On December 4, 2007, the case went to mediation and the mediation was adjourned pending the liquidator's investigations into the circumstances surrounding items raised by both parties. In connection with the allegations in the application of breach of fiduciary duty by the directors of KRUG UK in approving such transfer of funds, SunLink has indemnification obligations to the former directors of KRUG UK. SunLink denies any liability to KRUG UK other than to it in KRUG UK's status as a preferred stockholder and for the unpaid balance on the promissory note. SunLink, through its United Kingdom counsel, intends to vigorously defend against the liquidator's claims.



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**Employee and Labor Relations**

As of June 30, 2008, SunLink employed 1,370 full-time and 475 part-time persons in the U.S., none of whom are represented by a union. We believe our labor relations generally are satisfactory.

**Environmental Law Compliance**

We believe we are in substantial compliance with applicable federal, state and local environmental regulations. To date, compliance with federal, state and local laws regulating the discharge of material into the environment or otherwise relating to the protection of the environment have not had a material effect upon our consolidated results of operations, consolidated financial condition or competitive position. Similarly, we have not had to make material capital expenditures to comply with such regulations.

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Our executive officers, as of September 22, 2008, their positions with the Company or its subsidiaries and their ages are as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Offices</b>	<b>Age</b>
Robert M. Thornton, Jr.	Director, Chairman of the Board of Directors, President and Chief Executive Officer	59
Mark J. Stockslager	Chief Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer	49
Harry R. Alvis	Chief Operating Officer	63
George D. Shaunnessy	President SunLink ScriptsRx, LLC	60
Jerome D. Orth	Vice President, Technical and Compliance Services	60
Jack M. Spurr, Jr	Vice President, Hospital Financial Operations	62

All of our executive officers hold office for an indefinite term, subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors.

*Robert M. Thornton, Jr.* has been Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of SunLink Health Systems, Inc. since September 10, 1998, President since July 16, 1996 and was Chief Financial Officer from July 18, 1997 to August 31, 2002. From March 1995 to the present, Mr. Thornton has been a private investor in and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of CareVest Capital, LLC, a private investment and management services firm. Mr. Thornton was President, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and a director of Hallmark Healthcare Corporation ( Hallmark ) from November 1993 until Hallmark's merger with Community Health Systems, Inc. in October 1994. From October 1987 until November 1993, Mr. Thornton was Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, Treasurer and a director of Hallmark.

*Mark J. Stockslager* has been Chief Financial Officer of SunLink Health Systems, Inc. since July 1, 2007. He was interim Chief Financial Office from November 6, 2006 until June 30, 2007. He has been the Principal Accounting Officer since March 11, 1998 and was Corporate Controller from November 6, 1996 to June 4, 2007. He has been associated continuously with our accounting and finance operations since June 1988 and has held various positions, including Manager of U.S. Accounting, from June 1993 until November 1996. From June 1982 through May 1988, Mr. Stockslager was employed by Price Waterhouse & Co.

*Harry R. Alvis* has been Chief Operating Officer of SunLink Health Systems, Inc. since September 1, 2002 and Senior Vice President of Operations of SunLink Healthcare LLC since February 1, 2001. Mr. Alvis provided turn-around operational consulting services for New America Healthcare Corp. from March 2000 through January 2001. From August 1997 through August 1999, Mr. Alvis was Chief Executive Officer of River Region Health Systems in Vicksburg, Mississippi, a healthcare facility owned by Quorum Health Group, Inc. From August 1995 through August 1997, Mr. Alvis was the Chief Executive Officer of Greenview Hospital in Bowling Green, Kentucky, a healthcare facility owned by Hospital Corporation of America. From November 1987 through August 1995, Mr. Alvis was the Chief Executive Officer of Pinelake Medical Center in Mayfield, Kentucky; a facility owned by HealthTrust, Inc.

*George D. Shaunnessy* has been President of SunLink Homecare Services, LLC (which changed its name to SunLink ScriptsRx, LLC on August 26, 2008) since April 23, 2008. Mr. Shaunnessy was President and Chief Executive Officer of MedImaging, Inc. from 2002 to December 2007, Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer of Affiliated Management Services, Inc., from 1997 to April 2008, and President, Chief Executive Officer and a director of Housecall Medical Resources, Inc. from 1991 to 1997. From 1978 to 1991, Mr. Shaunnessy has held executive positions with National Healthcare, Inc., Foster Medical Home Health Care, a division of Avon Products, Charter Medical Corporation and Hospital Affiliates International, Inc.





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*Jerome D. Orth* has been Vice President, Technical & Compliance Services for the Company since February 1, 2001. From January 1995 through January 2001, Mr. Orth was Vice President of Hospital Financial Operations for ValueMark Healthcare Systems, Inc., a privately-held owner-operator of psychiatric hospitals. From February 1987 through October 1994, Mr. Orth held various positions with Hallmark Healthcare Corporation, including Executive Director, Hospital Financial Management and Executive Director, Management Information Systems. Prior to 1987, Mr. Orth spent 12 years in various accounting, third party reimbursement and management positions with Hospital Corporation of America.

*Jack M. Spurr, Jr.* has been Vice President, Hospital Financial Operations for the Company since October 1, 2002. From February 1, 2001 until September 30, 2002, Mr. Spurr performed several interim financial roles for the Company. From 1978 to 2000, Mr. Spurr held financial positions with Hospital Corporation of America, Columbia Healthcare, Inc., Quorum Health Group, Inc., HealthTrust, Inc., and National Healthcare Inc.

### **Item 1A. Risk Factors**

In addition to other information contained in this Annual Report, including certain cautionary and forward-looking statements, you should carefully consider the following factors in evaluating an investment in SunLink:

#### **Consolidated Operations Risks**

*SunLink has a limited operating history in the community hospital business and a limited history of profitability.*

Prior to February 1, 2001, SunLink operated in different business segments. SunLink had income from continuing operations of \$2,009 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008; \$1,577 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007; \$4,181 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006; \$4,383 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005; and \$1,560 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003. Conversely, SunLink had losses from continuing operations of \$1,267 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004; \$2,080 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002; \$319 for the three month transitional period ended June 30, 2001; and \$881 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001; respectively. SunLink may experience operating losses from continuing operations in the future.

*SunLink's growth strategy depends in part on making successful acquisitions, via mergers, or otherwise, and on successfully integrating our recent acquisition of our pharmacy operations, which may expose SunLink to new liabilities.*

As part of our growth strategy, SunLink will seek further growth through acquisitions, via mergers or otherwise, of rural and exurban healthcare businesses. We have sought to acquire and have acquired rural and exurban community hospitals, nursing homes and home health agencies, as well as other rural and exurban healthcare businesses. We may be subject to a variety of risks arising out of the acquisition of our new pharmacy business or other rural and exurban healthcare businesses. We intend, to the extent possible, to integrate the operations of acquired assets and entities with our existing organizational structure; although our pharmacy operations, like our community hospitals, will be conducted in one or more separate subsidiaries. In light of the diverse nature of our pharmacy operations and depending on the nature of other acquired entity or operations, integration of acquired operations into our present operations may present substantial difficulties. Even where material difficulties are not anticipated, there can be no assurance that we will not encounter such difficulties in integrating acquired operations with our operations, which may result in a delay or the failure to achieve anticipated synergies, increased costs and failures to achieve increases in earnings or cost savings. The difficulties of combining the operations of Carmichael's or other acquired companies may include, among other things:

unidentified liabilities of Carmichael's or of other companies SunLink may acquire or merge with;

the potential failure to achieve economies of scale or synergies sought in our new pharmacy business or in other new rural or exurban healthcare businesses;

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the possible inability to successfully integrate and manage acquired operations and personnel especially where such business is other than a community hospital or nursing home;

possible inconsistencies in standards, controls, procedures and policies, business cultures and compensation structures between us and an acquired entity;

the inability to expand sales and marketing operations;

the inability to retain existing customers and attract new customers;

the loss of or inability to attract new key employees;

the inability to achieve consolidation of corporate and administrative operations and infrastructures;

the inability to achieve integration and management of the technologies and systems of the acquired entity, including the consolidation and integration of computer information systems;

the failure to identify and eliminate redundant and underperforming operations and assets;

unexpected costs associated with the termination of assumed contractual obligations and the timing thereof;

diversion of management's attention from ongoing business concerns;

the possibility of unexpected tax costs or inefficiencies associated with the integration of the operations;

the possible need and unexpected cost to modify internal controls over financial reporting in order to comply with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations promulgated there under; and

loss of customer goodwill.

For these reasons, we may fail to successfully complete the integration of Carmichael's or any other acquired entity, or to realize the anticipated benefits of the acquisition of Carmichael's or any other acquired entity. Actual cost savings and synergies which may be achieved from Carmichael's or any other acquired entity may be lower than we expect and may take a longer time to achieve than we anticipate. Other acquisition related risks include risks associated with higher costs or unexpected difficulties or problems with acquired assets, outdated or incompatible technologies, labor difficulties, or an inability to realize anticipated synergies and efficiencies. Whether within anticipated timeframes or at all, one or more of such acquisition-related risks, if realized, could have an adverse impact on our business, financial condition, results of operations, or operations.

Acquired businesses may have unknown or contingent liabilities, including liabilities for failure to comply with healthcare laws and regulations. Although SunLink has policies which require acquired operations to implement SunLink compliance standards, and generally will seek

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indemnification from prospective sellers covering these matters, SunLink may become liable for past activities of acquired businesses. While SunLink received limited indemnification for certain potential liabilities in connection with its acquisition of Carmichael's, there is no assurance such indemnification will be collectible or that any potential liabilities will not arise after expiration of such indemnification term.

*Additional debt for significant capital investments may be required to achieve SunLink's operational and growth plans, the inability to access capital may affect SunLink's competitive position, reduce earnings, and negatively affect the value of your SunLink common stock.*

SunLink's growth plans require significant capital investments. Significant capital investments are required for on-going and planned capital improvements at existing hospitals and may be required in connection with future capital projects either in connection with existing properties or future acquired properties. SunLink's ability to make capital investments depends on numerous factors such as the availability of funds from operations and its credit facility and access to additional debt and equity financing. No assurance can be given that the

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necessary funds will be available. Moreover, incurrence of additional debt financing, if available, may involve additional restrictive covenants that could negatively affect SunLink's ability to operate its business in the desired manner, and raising additional equity may be dilutive to shareholders. The failure to obtain funds necessary for the realization of SunLink's growth plans could prevent SunLink from realizing its growth strategy and, in particular, could force SunLink to forego acquisition opportunities that may arise in the future. This could, in turn, have a negative impact on SunLink's competitive position.

In order to make future acquisitions SunLink may be required to incur or assume additional indebtedness. SunLink may not be able to obtain financing, if necessary, for any acquisitions that it might desire to make or it might be required to borrow at higher rates and on less favorable terms than its competitors.

Many states have enacted or are considering enacting laws affecting sales, leases or other transactions in which control of not-for-profit hospitals is acquired by for-profit corporations. These laws, in general, include provisions relating to state attorney general approval, advance notification and community involvement. In addition, state attorneys general in states without specific legislation governing these transactions may exercise authority based upon charitable trust and other existing law. The increased legal and regulatory review of transactions involving the change of control of not-for-profit entities may increase the costs required, or limit SunLink's ability, to acquire not-for-profit hospitals.

*SunLink's revenues are heavily concentrated in Georgia which will make SunLink particularly sensitive to economic and other changes in the state of Georgia.*

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, our three Georgia hospitals generated approximately 45% of revenues for the year. Accordingly, any change in the current demographic, economic, competitive or regulatory conditions in the state of Georgia could have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition, results of operations or prospects of SunLink.

*SunLink depends heavily on its management personnel and the loss of the services of one or more of SunLink's key senior management personnel could weaken SunLink's management team.*

SunLink has been, and will continue to be, dependent upon the services and management experience of its executive officers. If any of SunLink's executive officers were to resign their positions or otherwise be unable to serve, SunLink's management could be weakened and operating results could be adversely affected; however, to our knowledge, no key executive personnel intend to retire or terminate their employment with SunLink in the near future.

*SunLink conducts business in a heavily regulated industry; changes in regulations or violations of regulations may result in increased costs or sanctions that could reduce revenue and profitability.*

The healthcare industry is subject to extensive Federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to:

licensure;

conduct of operations;

ownership of facilities;

addition of facilities and services;

confidentiality, maintenance, and security issues associated with medical records;

billing for services; and

prices for services.

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These laws and regulations are extremely complex and, in many instances, the industry does not have the benefit of significant regulatory or judicial interpretation of these laws and regulations, including in particular, Medicare and Medicaid anti-fraud and abuse amendments, codified in Section 1128B(b) of the Social Security Act and known as the anti-kickback statute. This law prohibits providers and others from soliciting, receiving, offering or paying, directly or indirectly, any remuneration with the intent to generate referrals of orders for services or items reimbursable under Medicare, Medicaid, and other Federal healthcare programs.

As authorized by Congress, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, or HHS, has issued regulations which describe some of the conduct and business relationships immune from prosecution under the anti-kickback statute. The fact that a given business arrangement does not fall within one of these safe harbor provisions does not render the arrangement illegal. However, business arrangements of healthcare service providers that fail to satisfy the applicable safe harbor criteria risk increased scrutiny by enforcement authorities.

We have a variety of financial relationships with physicians who refer patients to our hospitals. We have contracts with physicians providing services under a variety of financial arrangements such as employment contracts and professional service agreements. We also provide financial incentives, including loans and minimum revenue guarantees, to recruit physicians into the communities served by our hospitals.

HIPAA broadened the scope of the fraud and abuse laws to include all healthcare services, whether or not they are reimbursed under a Federal program. In addition, provisions of the Social Security Act, known as the Stark Act, also prohibit physicians from referring Medicare and Medicaid patients to providers of a broad range of designated health services in which the physicians or their immediate family members have an ownership interest or certain other financial arrangements.

In addition, SunLink's facilities will continue to remain subject to any state laws that are more restrictive than the regulations issued under HIPAA, which vary by state and could impose additional penalties. In recent years, both Federal and state government agencies have announced plans for or implemented heightened and coordinated civil and criminal enforcement efforts.

Government officials charged with responsibility for enforcing healthcare laws could assert that SunLink or any of the transactions in which the company or its subsidiaries or their predecessors is or was involved, are in violation of these laws. It is also possible that these laws ultimately could be interpreted by the courts in a manner that is different from the interpretations made by each company. A determination that either SunLink or its subsidiaries or their predecessors is or was involved in a transaction that violated these laws, or the public announcement that SunLink or its subsidiaries or their predecessors is being investigated for possible violations of these laws, could have a material adverse effect on SunLink's business, financial condition, results of operations or prospects and SunLink's business reputation could suffer significantly.

The laws, rules, and regulations described above are complex and subject to interpretation. In the event of a determination that we are in violation of any of these laws, rules or regulations, or if further changes in the regulatory framework occur, our results of operations could be significantly harmed.

*SunLink is and in the future could be subject to claims related to discontinued operations, hospitals sold by our HealthMont subsidiary prior to its acquisition, and claims related to the disposition of our former Mountainside Medical Center.*

Over the past 19 years, SunLink has discontinued operations carried on by its former industrial and life sciences and engineering segments, and U.K. child safety segments, leisure marine, and housewares segments and its former Mountainside Medical Center (by virtue of the sale of such



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facility whose original facility was one of our original hospitals). Prior to our acquisition of our HealthMont subsidiaries, HealthMont had sold two hospitals and it also disposed of one additional hospital as a condition to our acquisition of HealthMont. SunLink's reserves relating to discontinued operations represent management's best estimate of possible liability

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for property, product liability, and other claims for which SunLink may incur liability. These estimates are based on management's judgments using currently available information as well as, in certain instances, consultation with SunLink's insurance carriers and legal counsel. SunLink currently does not purchase insurance policies to reduce product liability or other discontinued operations exposures and does not anticipate it will purchase such insurance in the future. While estimates have been based on the evaluation of available information, it is not possible to predict with certainty the ultimate outcome of many contingencies relating to discontinued operations. Furthermore, future events or evaluations could cause us to adjust existing reserves in connection with our operations. SunLink intends to adjust our estimates of required reserves from time to time as additional information is developed and evaluated. However, SunLink believes that the final resolution of known contingencies will not have a material adverse impact on its financial position, cash flows, or results of operations.

*SunLink is subject to potential claims for professional liability, including claims based on the acts or omissions of third parties, which claims may not be covered by insurance.*

SunLink is subject to potential claims for professional liability (medical malpractice), both in connection with our current operations, as well as acquired operations. To cover these claims, we maintain professional malpractice liability insurance and general liability insurance in amounts that we believe are sufficient for our operations, although some claims may exceed the scope or amount of the coverage in effect. The assertion of a significant number of claims, either within our self-insured retention (deductible) or individually or in the aggregate in excess of available insurance, could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition. Premiums for professional liability insurance have historically been volatile and we can not assure you that professional liability insurance will continue to be available on terms acceptable to us, if at all. The operations of our hospitals also depend on the professional services of physicians and other trained healthcare providers and technicians in the conduct of their respective operations, including independent laboratories and physicians rendering diagnostic and medical services. There can be no assurance that any legal action stemming from the act or omission of a third party provider of healthcare services, would not be brought against one of our hospitals or SunLink, resulting in significant legal expenses in order to defend against such legal action or to obtain a financial contribution from the third-party whose acts or omissions occasioned the legal action.

## **Risks Related to Our Healthcare Facility Operations**

*SunLink's success depends on its ability to maintain good relationships with the physicians at its hospitals and, if SunLink is unable to successfully maintain good relationships with physicians, admissions and outpatient revenues at SunLink hospitals may decrease and SunLink's operating performance could decline.*

Because physicians generally direct the majority of hospital admissions and outpatient services, SunLink's success is, in part, dependent upon the number and quality of physicians on the medical staffs of its hospitals, the admissions and referrals practices of the physicians at its hospitals, and its ability to maintain good relations with its physicians. Physicians at SunLink hospitals are generally not employees of the hospitals at which they practice and, in many of the markets that SunLink serves, most physicians have admitting privileges at other hospitals in addition to SunLink's hospitals. If SunLink is unable to successfully maintain good relationships with physicians, admissions at SunLink hospitals may decrease and SunLink's operating performance could decline.

*SunLink depends heavily on its healthcare facility management personnel and the loss of the services of one or more of SunLink's key local management personnel could weaken SunLink's management team and its ability to deliver healthcare services.*

SunLink's success depends on its ability to attract and retain managers at its hospitals and related health care facilities, on the ability of hospital-based officers and key employees to manage growth successfully, and on their ability to attract and retain skilled employees. SunLink

has not had any material difficulties in attracting healthcare facility management; however, if SunLink is unable to attract and retain effective local management, the operating performance of our facilities could decline.

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*SunLink's success depends on its ability to attract and retain qualified healthcare professionals and a shortage of qualified healthcare professionals in certain markets could weaken our ability to deliver healthcare services.*

In addition to the physicians and management personnel whom SunLink employs, SunLink's operations are dependent on the efforts, ability, and experience of other healthcare professionals, such as nurses, pharmacists and lab technicians. Nurses, pharmacists, lab technicians and other healthcare professionals are generally employees of each individual SunLink hospital. SunLink's success has been, and will continue to be, influenced by its ability to attract and retain these skilled employees. A shortage of healthcare professionals in certain markets, the loss of some or all of its key employees or the inability to attract or retain sufficient numbers of qualified healthcare professionals could cause SunLink's operating performance to decline.

*A significant portion of SunLink's revenue is dependent on Medicare and Medicaid payments, and possible reductions in Medicare or Medicaid payments or the implementation of other measures to reduce reimbursements may reduce our revenues.*

A significant portion of SunLink's revenues are derived from the Medicare and Medicaid programs, which are highly regulated and subject to frequent and substantial changes. SunLink derived approximately 80% of its patient days and 56% of its net patient revenues from the Medicare and Medicaid programs for the year ended June 30, 2008. Previous legislative changes have resulted in, and future legislative changes may result in, limitations on and reduced levels of payment and reimbursement for a substantial portion of hospital procedures and costs.

Future healthcare legislation or other changes in the administration or interpretation of governmental healthcare programs may have a material adverse effect on SunLink's business, financial condition, results of operations or prospects.

*Revenue and profitability of our healthcare facility operations, especially our community hospital operations, may be constrained by future cost containment initiatives undertaken by purchasers of healthcare services if SunLink is unable to contain costs.*

Our community hospital operations derived approximately 44% of its net patient revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 from private payors and other non-governmental sources who contributed approximately 20% of SunLink's patient days. Our hospitals have been affected by the increasing number of initiatives undertaken during the past several years by all major purchasers of healthcare, including (in addition to Federal and state governments) insurance companies and employers, to revise payment methodologies and monitor healthcare expenditures in order to contain healthcare costs. Initiatives such as managed care organizations offering prepaid and discounted medical services packages have adversely affected hospital revenue growth throughout the country and such packages represent an increasing portion of SunLink's admissions and outpatient revenues and have resulted in reduced revenue growth at our hospitals. In addition, private payers increasingly are attempting to control healthcare costs through direct contracting with hospitals to provide services on a discounted basis, increased utilization review and greater enrollment in managed care programs such as health maintenance organizations and preferred provider organizations, referred to as PPOs. If we are unable to contain costs, especially in our hospital operations, through increased operational efficiencies and the trend toward declining reimbursements and payments continues, the results of healthcare facility segment operations and cash flow will be adversely affected and the results of our consolidated operations and our consolidated cash flow similarly likely would be adversely affected.

*Our healthcare facilities, especially our community hospitals, face intense competition from other hospitals and healthcare providers which directly affect our segment and consolidated revenues and profitability.*

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Although each of our hospitals operates in communities where they are currently the only general, acute care hospital, they do face competition from other hospitals, including larger tertiary care centers. Although these competing hospitals may be as far as 30 to 50 miles away, patients in these markets may migrate to these competing facilities as a result of local physician referrals, managed care plan incentives or personal choice.

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The healthcare business is highly competitive and competition among hospitals and other healthcare providers for patients has intensified in recent years. Each of our hospitals operates in geographic areas where they compete with at least one other hospital that provides services comparable to those offered by our hospitals. Some of these competing facilities offer services, including extensive medical research and medical education programs, which are not offered by SunLink's facilities. Some of the competing hospitals are owned or operated by tax-supported governmental bodies or by private not-for-profit entities supported by endowments and charitable contributions which can finance capital expenditures on a tax-exempt basis and are exempt from sales, property, and income taxes. In some of these markets, SunLink's hospitals also face competition from other for-profit hospital companies, some of which have substantially greater resources, as well as other providers such as outpatient surgery and diagnostic centers.

The intense competition from other hospitals and other healthcare providers directly affects the market share of our community hospitals, as well as their and our revenues and profitability.

*Changes in market demographics may increase competition for certain of our community hospitals.*

Some of our hospitals are located in exurban areas which are becoming more suburban or metropolitan. Such markets are likely to attract additional competitors, including satellite operations of tertiary hospitals. We cannot assure you that we will have the financial resources to fund capital improvements to our existing facilities, which may face additional competition or that even if financial resources are available to us, projected operating results will justify such expenditures. An inability to fund or the infeasibility of funding capital improvements could directly or indirectly have an adverse impact on hospital revenues through lower patient utilization, increased difficulty in physician recruitment and otherwise as a result of increased competition.

*SunLink's hospitals are and our other healthcare facilities may be subject to, and depend on, certificate of need laws which could affect their ability to operate profitably.*

All states in which SunLink currently operates hospitals and nursing homes have laws affecting acute care hospital facilities, nursing homes, ambulatory surgery centers and the provision of various services; such laws are known as "certificate of need" laws. Under such laws, prior state approval is required for the acquisition of major medical equipment or the purchase, lease, construction, expansion, sale or closure of covered healthcare facilities, based on a determination of need for additional or expanded facilities or services. The required approval is known generally as a certificate of need or CON. A CON may be required for capital expenditures exceeding a prescribed amount, changes in hospital and nursing home bed capacity or services, and certain other matters. The failure to obtain any required CON may impair SunLink's ability to operate profitably.

In addition, the elimination or modification of CON laws in states in which SunLink operates or in the future may own hospitals and other covered healthcare facilities could subject our hospitals to greater competition making it more difficult to operate profitably.

## **Risk Relating to our Pharmacy Operations.**

*Our pharmacy operations, especially the specialty pharmacy service line of such operations, may be adversely affected by changes in government reimbursement regulations and payment levels.*

Our initial pharmacy operations are expected to derive approximately 85% of their net revenues from government payors, principally Medicare and Medicaid. The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 exempted rural providers of home care related services from the competitive acquisition program to which urban providers are subject.

We cannot assure you that the ASP reimbursement methodology will not be extended to the provision of all specialty pharmaceuticals or to the specialty pharmaceuticals most often sold by our specialty pharmacy operations or that we will continue to be able to operate our specialty pharmacy operations profitably at either

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existing or at lower reimbursement rates. Likewise, we cannot assure you that the Part B CAP program will not be extended to rural or exurban areas in general or to the areas in which we operate, or may seek to operate, in particular or that we would be able to meet the qualifications to become a Part B CAP vendor either now or at any time in the future.

*Our pharmacy business could be harmed by further changes in government purchasing methodologies and reimbursement rates for Medicare or Medicaid.*

In addition to the impact of MMA implemented or inspired changes, in order to deal with budget shortfalls, some states are attempting to create state administered prescription drug discount plans, to limit the number of prescriptions per person that are covered, and to raise Medicaid co-pays and deductibles, and are proposing more restrictive formularies and reductions in pharmacy reimbursement rates. Any reductions in amounts reimbursable by other government programs for our services or changes in regulations governing such reimbursements could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

*Our durable medical equipment service line may be adversely affected by changes in government reimbursement regulations and payment levels, especially if our durable medical equipment service line becomes subject to competitive bidding procedures.*

Although we are currently exempted under the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 from the competitive acquisition program for DMEPOS, we cannot be sure such exemption will continue to be available in the future. Loss of such exemption could have an adverse effect on our results of operation.

*Our pharmacy operations depend on a continuous supply of key products. Any shortages of key products could adversely affect our business.*

Many of the biopharmaceutical products distributed by our specialty pharmacy operations are manufactured with ingredients that are susceptible to supply shortages. In addition, the manufacturers of these products may not have adequate manufacturing capability to meet rising demand. If any products we distribute are in short supply for long periods of time, this could result in a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

*Our pharmacy operations are highly dependent on relationships with key suppliers and the loss of any of such key suppliers could adversely affect our business.*

Any termination of, or adverse change in, our relationships with our key suppliers, or the loss of supply of one of our key products for any other reason, could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations. The largest supplier for our specialty pharmacy operations accounted for approximately 64% of Carmichael's total net sales in 2007. Our specialty pharmacy operations have a single source of supply for many of our key products, including one product which accounted for approximately 22% of Carmichael's total net sales in 2007. In addition, we have few long-term contracts with our suppliers. Our arrangements with most of our suppliers may be canceled by either party, without cause, on minimal notice. Many of these arrangements are not governed by written agreements.



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*The loss of one or more of our larger institutional pharmacy customers could hurt our business by reducing the revenues and profitability of our pharmacy operations.*

As is customary in the institutional pharmacy industry, our pharmacy operations generally do not have long-term contracts with our institutional pharmacy customers. Significant declines in the level of purchases by one or more of our larger institutional pharmacy customers could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

Our failure to maintain eligibility as a Medicare and Medicaid supplier could materially adversely affect our competitive position. Likewise, our failure to maintain and expand relationships with private payors, who can effectively determine the pharmacy source for their members, could materially adversely affect our competitive position.

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*Changes in average wholesale prices could reduce our pricing and margins.*

Many government payors, including Medicare and Medicaid, have paid, or continue to pay, our pharmacy operations directly or indirectly at a percentage off a drug's average wholesale price, or AWP. We also have contracted with some private payors to sell drugs at AWP or at a percentage off AWP. AWP for most drugs is compiled and published by several private companies, including First DataBank, Inc. Several states have filed lawsuits against pharmaceutical manufacturers for allegedly inflating reported AWP for prescription drugs. In addition, class action lawsuits have been brought by consumers against pharmaceutical manufacturers alleging overstatement of AWP. We are not responsible for such calculations, reports or payments; however, there can be no assurance that the ability of our pharmacy operations to negotiate discounts from drug manufacturers will not be materially adversely affected by such investigations or lawsuits.

The federal government has also entered into settlement agreements with several drug manufacturers relating to the calculation and reporting of AWP pursuant to which the drug manufacturers, among other things, have agreed to report new pricing information, the average sales price, to government healthcare programs. The average sales price is calculated differently than AWP.

*We face numerous competitors and potential competitors in our pharmacy operations, many of whom are significantly larger and who have significantly greater financial resources.*

Although we believe market penetration by large national companies into our existing market for our pharmacy operations has not been substantial, we cannot assure you that one or more of such companies or other healthcare companies will not seek to compete or intensify their level of competition in the rural and exurban areas in which we conduct or may seek to conduct one or more of the components of our pharmacy operations.

*Our pharmacy operations, especially the specialty pharmacy component of such operations, may be adversely affected by industry trends in managed care contracting and consolidation.*

A growing number of health plans are contracting with a single provider of specialty pharmacy services. Likewise, manufacturers may not be eager to contract with regional providers of specialty pharmacy services. If we are unable to obtain managed care contracts in the areas in which we provide specialty pharmacy services or are unable to obtain specialty pharmacy products at reasonable costs or at all, our business could be adversely affected.

*The specialty pharmacy market may grow slower than expected which could adversely affect our revenues.*

According to an analysis of IMS Health data, spending in the U.S. in 2006 for specialty drugs was \$54,000,000 or 20% of overall prescription drug spending for that year. Sales of biotech products alone—a subset of specialty pharmaceuticals—are estimated by the same consultant to have reached \$40,000,000 in 2006. Even more conservative estimates place the size of the specialty pharmacy market between \$18,000,000 and \$35,000,000. Such estimates place the administrative spending for this segment at in excess of 10% of the pure cost of drug and care. A healthcare consulting firm has estimated that 95% of the 101 unique biopharmaceuticals in late-stage development in the U.S. are infusible and injectables and that there are over 800 specialty medications in phase one, phase two or phase three development. As a result, the percentage of spending for specialty pharmaceuticals may increase to more than \$100,000,000 by 2010 and grow to represent more than 25 percent of total drug spending. We cannot predict whether the rate of actual future growth in product availability and spending will match projections, the extent

to which patient demand or spending for specialty drug services in rural or exurban areas will match national averages or whether government payors will provide reimbursement for new products under Medicare or Medicare on a timely basis or at all or at what rates. Adverse developments in any of these areas could have an adverse impact on our pharmacy business.

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### **Other Risks**

*SunLink may issue additional equity in the future which could dilute the value of shares of existing shareholders.*

SunLink's working capital is limited to cash generated from operations and borrowings available under our \$47,000 credit facility (of which approximately \$8,100 is available to borrow at June 30, 2008) and our additional debt capacity is limited. Management and the board of directors of SunLink periodically have discussed the need to raise equity in the future and periodically have considered certain transactions which might be available to SunLink to raise equity. However, SunLink has not engaged any underwriter or placement agent with respect to any potential equity offering, nor has SunLink's management made any specific proposal or recommendation to the SunLink board of directors with respect to the type of securities to be offered or the price at which any securities might be offered. Such transactions might include, among others, the sale of common shares to outsiders or the offer to existing shareholders of the right to acquire additional shares. While the board of directors has not decided to effect any equity transaction at this time, it may do so in the future. Any equity transaction could result in dilution in the value of existing shares.

*Forward-looking statements in this annual report may prove inaccurate.*

This document contains forward-looking statements about SunLink that are not historical facts but, rather, are statements about future expectations. Forward-looking statements in this document are based on management's current views and assumptions and may be influenced by factors that could cause actual results, performance or events to be materially different from those projected. These forward-looking statements are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties. Important factors, some of which are beyond the control of SunLink, could cause actual results, performance or events to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. These factors include those described above under *Risk Factors* and elsewhere in this report under *Forward-Looking Statements*.

### **Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments**

SunLink has received a letter from the Staff of the SEC dated September 24, 2008 with respect to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 19, 2008. The Staff has inquired as to when the Company intends to file restated financials for Carmichael's Cashway Pharmacy, Inc. The Company is currently preparing a response to the Staff.

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Our principal properties as of the date of filing of this report are listed below:

Name or Function	Location City and State	Licensed Beds	Date of	
			Acquisition/Lease Inception	Ownership Type
Healthcare Facilities				
Chilton Medical Center	Clanton, AL	60	February 1, 2001	Owned
Chestatee Regional Hospital	Dahlonega, GA	49	February 1, 2001	Owned
North Georgia Medical Center & Gilmer Nursing Home	Ellijay, GA	50	February 1, 2001	Owned
Trace Regional Hospital & Floy Dyer Manor Nursing Home	Houston, MS	84	February 1, 2001	Owned
Callaway Community Hospital	Fulton, MO	49	October 3, 2003	Owned
Memorial Hospital of Adel & Memorial Convalescent Center	Adel, GA	60	October 3, 2003	Owned
Missouri Southern Healthcare(1)	Dexter, MO	50	February 1, 2001	Leased
Specialty Pharmacy Operations				
Carmichael Cashway Pharmacy(2)	Crowley, LA	N/A	April 22, 2008	Leased
Carmichael Cashway Pharmacy(3)	Lafayette, LA	N/A	April 22, 2008	Leased
Carmichael Cashway Pharmacy(4)	Lake Charles, LA	N/A	April 22, 2008	Leased
Other				
Corporate Offices(5)	Atlanta, GA	N/A	June 1, 1998	Leased
Medical Office Building	Jasper, GA	N/A	February 1, 2001	Owned

- (1) The lease expires in March, 2019.
- (2) Lease of approximately 25,000 square feet of store location, warehouse and office space. The lease expires in April 2013 and provides for a renewal of the lease for two five year terms.
- (3) Lease of approximately 5,900 square feet of store location and warehouse space. The lease expires in October 2011.
- (4) Lease of approximately 4,000 square feet of store location and warehouse space. The lease expires in October 2008.
- (5) Lease of approximately 7,800 square feet of office space for corporate staff. The lease expires in September 2009.

**Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

On August 6, 2007 the liquidator in an insolvency proceeding in the United Kingdom involving SunLink's former subsidiary KRUG International (UK) Limited ( "KRUG UK" ) made an application in The Birmingham County Court in Birmingham, England in which the liquidator is seeking a declaration by the court that a transfer of certain funds in 2001 from KRUG UK to SunLink in connection with the purchase of certain preferred stock of another subsidiary of SunLink, the making of a loan to SunLink, and certain forgiveness of debt to SunLink by KRUG UK Limited was improper as, among other things, KRUG UK was then effectively insolvent and that the approval of such transfers by the then directors of KRUG UK resulted in a breach of their fiduciary duties. The liquidator seeks to have the court order that the former directors or, in the alternative, SunLink, be required to account for, repay or restore such funds to the liquidator of KRUG UK. In connection with the allegations in the application of breach of fiduciary duty by the directors of KRUG UK in approving the transfer of such funds, SunLink has indemnification obligations to the former directors of KRUG UK. Each of the directors of KRUG UK and SunLink have now been served. SunLink denies any liability to KRUG UK other than to it in KRUG UK's status as a preferred stockholder and for the unpaid balance on the promissory note. SunLink, through its United Kingdom counsel, intends to vigorously defend against the liquidator's claims.

On July 13, 2006, Piedmont Healthcare, Inc. ( "PHI" ) and Piedmont Mountainside Hospital, Inc. ( "PMH" ) (collectively, "Plaintiffs" or "Piedmont" ) filed a Complaint in the Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia,



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alleging breach of the Asset Purchase Agreement (the Agreement ) dated as of April 9, 2004 by and among PMH, Piedmont Medical Center, Inc. (n/k/a PMI ), Southern Health Corporation of Jasper, Inc. ( SHJI ), SunLink Healthcare LLC (formerly SunLink Healthcare Corp.), and SunLink (collectively, Defendants or SunLink ) pursuant to which the Mountainside Medical Center was sold to PMH in June 2004. Specifically, Piedmont seek to have SunLink reimburse Piedmont for certain costs associated with an alleged indigent and charity care shortfall of Piedmont Mountainside Hospital (formerly Mountainside Medical Center) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004 demanded by the Georgia Department of Community Health ( DCH ). In addition, Piedmont seeks reimbursement for funds allegedly recouped from PMH by DCH in respect of Medicaid Cost Report settlements and adjustments for the reporting periods ending June 30, 2002, June 30, 2003 and May 31, 2004. Piedmont also seek a declaratory judgment to the effect that Piedmont may retain certain payments it has received from the DCH s Indigent Care Trust Fund for Disproportionate Share Hospitals. Piedmont also seeks recovery of costs and attorney s fees under the Agreement and Georgia law.

On August 11, 2006, SunLink filed an answer to the complaint asserting factual and legal defenses, along with a counterclaim. In the counterclaim, SunLink alleges that Piedmont breached the Agreement by failing to reimburse SHJI for funds paid Piedmont from the DCH s Indigent Care Trust Fund for Disproportionate Share Hospitals, which payments SunLink contend qualify as excluded assets not sold to Piedmont under the Agreement. SunLink also alleged that PMI breached its obligations to guaranty PMH s payment and performance of its obligations under the Agreement. SunLink seeks a declaratory judgment regarding the parties rights in respect of the payments made from the Indigent Care Trust Fund. Finally, SunLink seeks to recover their costs and attorney s fees under the Agreement and Georgia law. The Court has scheduled a hearing on all pending summary judgment and discovery motions for September 26, 2008.

SunLink denies that it has any liability to the Plaintiffs and intends to vigorously defend the claims asserted against SunLink in connection with the complaint and to vigorously pursue its counterclaim. While the ultimate outcome and materiality of the litigation cannot be determined, in management s opinion the litigation will not have a material adverse effect on SunLink s financial condition or results of operations.

### **Item 4. *Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders***

Not applicable.

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SunLink common stock is listed on the American Stock Exchange. SunLink's ticker symbol is SSY. SunLink also has publicly traded warrants which trade in the over-the-counter market under the symbol SSYMW. The following table shows, for the calendar quarters indicated, based on published financial sources, the high and low sale prices of SunLink common shares as reported on the American Stock Exchange.

	Sale Prices of SunLink Common Shares	
	High	Low
<b>Fiscal 2008 (July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008)</b>		
Fourth Quarter	\$ 6.26	\$ 4.75
Third Quarter	6.70	5.41
Second Quarter	6.50	5.95
First Quarter	6.55	6.00
<b>Fiscal 2007 (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007)</b>		
Fourth Quarter	\$ 7.35	\$ 6.15
Third Quarter	7.30	6.65
Second Quarter	9.00	6.62
First Quarter	10.15	7.65

American Stock Transfer & Trust Company is the Transfer Agent and Registrar for our common shares. For all shareholder inquiries, call American Stock Transfer & Trust's Shareholder Services Department at 1-888-937-5449.

**Dividends**

SunLink does not currently pay cash dividends. SunLink intends to retain its earnings for use in the operation and expansion of its business and, therefore, does not anticipate declaring or paying cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Any future determination to declare or pay cash dividends will be determined by SunLink's board of directors and will depend on SunLink's financial condition, results of operations, business, prospects, capital requirements, credit agreements and such other matters as the board of directors may consider relevant.

**Holders**

As of June 30, 2008 there were approximately 600 registered holders of SunLink common shares.



**Index to Financial Statements****Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans**

The following provides tabular disclosure of the number of securities at June 30, 2008 to be issued upon the exercise of outstanding options, the weighted average exercise price of outstanding options and the number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans, reported by two categories- plans that have been approved by shareholders and plans that have not been so approved:

	(a)	(b)	(c)
Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
<b>Equity compensation plans approved by security holders:</b>			
1995 Incentive Stock Option Plan	4,000	\$ 5.48	0
2001 Outside Directors Stock Ownership and Stock Option Plan	82,500	\$ 2.26	0
2001 Long-term Stock Option Plan	322,875	\$ 3.27	0
2005 Equity Incentive Plan	781,605	\$ 7.82	49,070
	1,190,980	\$ 6.20	49,070
<b>Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders:</b>			
None	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,190,980</b>	<b>\$ 6.20</b>	<b>49,070</b>

**Index to Financial Statements****Performance Graph**

The following graph presents a comparison of five years cumulative total return for SunLink, the American Stock Exchange Composite Index. Peer group consists of Amsurg Corp., Community Health Systems Inc., Dynacq Healthcare Inc., Health Management Associations Inc., Lifepoint Hospitals Inc., Magellan Health Services Inc., Medcath Corp., Prezzo PLC, Rehabcare Group Inc., Tenet Healthcare Corp., and Universal Health Services Inc.

	6/03	6/04	6/05	6/06	6/07	6/08
<b>SunLink Health Systems, Inc.</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>230.29</b>	<b>326.97</b>	<b>410.79</b>	<b>262.24</b>	<b>199.59</b>
<b>AMEX Composite</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>128.79</b>	<b>165.82</b>	<b>204.19</b>	<b>253.70</b>	<b>243.41</b>
<b>Peer Group(1)</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>146.46</b>	<b>202.73</b>	<b>152.93</b>	<b>200.18</b>	<b>126.73</b>

**Item 6.      *Selected Financial Data***

Selected historical financial data presented below as of and for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 have been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of SunLink. The following financial information reflects the acquisition of our two HealthMont hospitals and Carmichael and the disposition of Mountainside Medical Center. This data should be read in conjunction with Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, and the Consolidated Financial Statements of SunLink and the notes thereto included in Item 8 of this Annual Report.

**Index to Financial Statements****SunLink Selected Historical Financial Data**

(All amounts in thousands, except per share amounts)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Net revenues	\$ 112,436	\$ 128,732	\$ 135,576	\$ 143,645	\$ 158,431
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	(1,267)	4,383	4,181	1,577	2,009
Net earnings	13,425	4,540	3,909	1,396	1,616
Earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations:					
Basic	(0.20)	0.61	0.58	0.21	0.26
Diluted	(0.20)	0.57	0.53	0.20	0.26
Net earnings per share:					
Basic	2.15	0.63	0.54	0.19	0.21
Diluted	2.15	0.59	0.50	0.18	0.21
Total assets	63,152	70,113	74,303	77,843	111,624
Long-term debt, including current maturities	7,392	10,042	9,393	8,536	37,962
Shareholders' equity	\$ 24,904	\$ 29,301	\$ 34,352	\$ 36,024	\$ 40,244

**Item 7. *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations (all dollar amounts in thousands, except per share and revenue per equivalent admissions amounts)***

This Annual Report and the documents that are incorporated by reference in this Annual Report contain certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements include all statements that do not relate solely to historical or current facts and may be identified by the use of words such as may, believe, will, seeks to, expect, project, estimate, anticipate, plan or continue. These forward-looking statements are based on the current plans and expectations and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors which could significantly affect current plans and expectations and our future financial condition and results. For a listing and a discussion of such factors, which could cause actual results, performance and achievements to differ materially from those anticipated, see Certain Cautionary Statements Forward Looking Information and Item 1A included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**Year in Review and Recent Developments**

During the year ended June 30, 2008, we concentrated our efforts on the operations and improvement of our existing hospitals, the acquisition of Carmichael, which was completed in April 2008, and the evaluation of strategic alternatives.

On April 23, 2008, we acquired Carmichael's Cashway Pharmacy, Inc. (Carmichael). The Carmichael acquisition purchase price was \$24,000, consisting of \$19,000 cash, seller subordinated debt of \$3,000 and \$2,000 in SunLink shares (334,448 shares). Carmichael had annual revenues of approximately \$42,200 for its year ended December 31, 2007 and has been in business for over 35 years. Carmichael provides services to patients in rural communities in southwest Louisiana and eastern Texas. Carmichael is included in Specialty Pharmacy Segment.

**Strategic Alternatives**

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On November 8, 2007, we announced that we had received an unsolicited conditional acquisition proposal from Resurgence Health Group, LLC which purported to offer a cash price of \$7.50 per share for substantially all the outstanding shares of SunLink, subject to a number of conditions. On January 16, 2008, we announced that we had retained Stephens Inc. for the purpose of advising our Board of Directors in connection with an evaluation of the Company's strategic alternatives, including, among others, the proposal by Resurgence Health Group, LLC. Since retaining Stephens, SunLink has explored a number of strategic alternatives, none of which to

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date has been judged by our Board to be superior in terms of price and execution risk to continuing as an independent company and pursuing SunLink's existing business plans. To continue the evaluation on an on-going basis, the Board has formed a standing Strategic Alternatives Committee of the Board of Directors to, among other things, conduct periodic evaluations of the Company's strategic alternatives. Investors are cautioned that no inference should be drawn from the existence of such committee and its charter with respect to the probability that the Company will engage in any transaction as a result of the periodic evaluation of strategic alternatives, including with respect to any proposal previously submitted or which in the future may be re-submitted or newly presented to the Company.

## **Critical Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts and related disclosures. We consider an accounting estimate to be critical if:

it requires assumptions to be made that were uncertain at the time the estimate was made; and

changes in the estimate or different estimates that could have been made could have a material impact on our consolidated statement of earnings or financial condition.

The table of critical accounting estimates that follows is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all of our accounting policies that require estimates. We believe that of our significant accounting policies, as discussed in Note 2 of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, the estimates discussed below involve a higher degree of judgment and complexity. We believe the current assumptions and other considerations used to estimate amounts reflected in our consolidated financial statements are appropriate. However, if actual experience differs from the assumptions and other considerations used in estimating amounts reflected in our consolidated financial statements, the resulting changes could have a material adverse effect on our consolidated results of operations and financial condition.

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The table that follows presents information about our critical accounting estimates, as well as the effects of hypothetical changes in the material assumptions used to develop each estimate:

### Balance Sheet or Income Statement

Caption/Nature of Critical Estimate Item	Assumption / Approach Used	Sensitivity Analysis
(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)	(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)	(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)
<b>Receivables-net and Provision for Bad Debts</b>		
Receivables-net for our healthcare facilities segment primarily consists of amounts due from third-party payors and patients from providing healthcare services to hospital facility patients. Receivables-net for our specialty pharmacy segment primarily consists of amounts due from third-party payors; institutions such as nursing homes, home health, hospice, hospitals; pharmacy stores; Medicaid Part D program; and customers from providing pharmacy services and merchandise. Our ability to collect outstanding receivables is critical to our results of operations and cash flows. To provide for accounts receivable that could become uncollectible in the future, we establish an allowance for doubtful accounts to reduce the carrying value of such receivables to their estimated net realizable value. The primary uncertainty lies with accounts for which patients are responsible, which we refer to as patient responsibility accounts. These accounts include both amounts payable by uninsured patients and co-payments and deductibles payable by insured patients. Our allowance for doubtful accounts, included in our balance sheets as of June 30 was as follows:	The largest component of bad debts in our patient accounts receivable for our healthcare facilities and specialty pharmacy segments relates to accounts for which patients are responsible, which we refer to as patient responsibility accounts. These accounts include both amounts payable by uninsured patients and co-payments and deductibles payable by insured patients. In general, we attempt to collect deductibles, co-payments and self-pay accounts prior to the time of service for non-emergency care. If we do not collect these patient responsibility accounts prior to the delivery of care, the accounts are handled through our billing and collections processes.	A significant increase in our provision for doubtful accounts (as a percentage of revenues) would lower our earnings. This would adversely affect our results of operations, financial condition, liquidity and potentially our future access to capital.
2008 \$14,138; and	We attempt to verify each patient's insurance coverage as early as possible before a scheduled non-emergency admission or procedure, including with respect to eligibility, benefits and authorization/pre-certification requirements, in order to notify patients of the estimated amounts for which they will be responsible. We attempt to verify insurance coverage within a reasonable amount of time for all emergency room visits and non-emergency urgent admissions in compliance with the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act.	If net revenues during fiscal 2008 were changed by 1%, our 2008 after-tax income from continuing operations would change by approximately \$1,028 or diluted earnings per share of \$0.13.
2007 \$10,197.		This is only one example of reasonably possible sensitivity scenarios. The process of determining the allowance requires us to estimate uncollectible patient accounts that are highly uncertain and requires a high degree of judgment. It is impacted by, among other things, changes in regional economic conditions, business office operations, payor mix and trends in private and federal or state governmental healthcare coverage.

Our provision for bad debts, included in our results of operations, was as follows :

2008 \$22,013  
2007 \$19,580; and  
2006 \$14,987.



**Index to Financial Statements****Balance Sheet or Income Statement**

<b>Caption/Nature of Critical Estimate Item</b>	<b>Assumption / Approach Used</b>	<b>Sensitivity Analysis</b>
<b>(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)</b>	<b>(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)</b>	<b>(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)</b>
<b><i>Receivables-net and Provision for Bad Debts</i></b> <b><i>(continued)</i></b>		

In general, we utilize the following steps in collecting accounts receivable: if possible, cash collection of all or a portion of deductibles, co-payments and self-pay accounts prior to or at the time service is provided; billing and follow-up with third party payors; collection calls; utilization of collection agencies; sue to collect if the patient has the means to pay and chooses not to pay; and if collection efforts are unsuccessful, write off the accounts.

Our policy is to write off accounts after all collection efforts have failed, which is typically no longer than 120 days after the date of discharge of the patient or service to the patient. Patient responsibility accounts represent the majority of our write-offs. All of our hospitals retain third-party collection agencies for billing and collection of delinquent accounts. At most of our hospitals, more than one collection agency is used to promote competition and improved performance. The selection of collection agencies and the timing of the referral of an account to a collection agency vary among hospitals. Generally, we do not write off accounts prior to utilizing the services of a collection agency. Once collection efforts have proven unsuccessful, an account is written off from our patient accounting system against the allowance for doubtful accounts.



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<b>(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)</b>	<b>(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)</b>	<b>(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)</b>
<b><i>Receivables-net and Provision for Bad Debts</i></b> <b><i>(continued)</i></b>		

We determine the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts utilizing a number of analytical tools and benchmarks. No single statistic or measurement alone determines the adequacy of the allowance.

We monitor the revenue trends by payor classification on a quarter-by-quarter basis along with the composition of our accounts receivable agings. This review is focused primarily on trends in self-pay revenues, accounts receivable, co-payment receivables and historic payment patterns.

In addition, we analyze other factors such as days revenue in accounts receivable and we review admissions and charges by physicians, primarily focusing on recently recruited physicians.

<b>Payor Class</b>	<b>Days Outstanding <sup>1</sup></b>							<b>Total</b>
	<b>0-30</b>	<b>31-60</b>	<b>61-90</b>	<b>91-120</b>	<b>121-150</b>	<b>151-180</b>	<b>&gt;180</b>	
Medicare	\$ 4,466	\$ 643	\$ 371	\$ 187	\$ 181	\$ 83	\$ 178	\$ 6,109
Commercial	3,277	936	474	277	178	181	317	\$ 5,640
Medicaid	1,481	469	198	155	116	76	170	\$ 2,665
Self Pay	219	171	144	137	94	40	105	\$ 910
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,443</b>	<b>\$ 2,219</b>	<b>\$ 1,187</b>	<b>\$ 756</b>	<b>\$ 569</b>	<b>\$ 380</b>	<b>\$ 770</b>	<b>\$ 15,324</b>

<sup>1</sup> The above table shows net patient accounts receivable aged from patient billing date and are grouped by classification of verified insurance coverage. The receivables are net of contractual allowances and allowance for doubtful accounts. Contractual allowances and the allowance for doubtful accounts are calculated by payor class and are not calculated by the aging of the patient billing date; therefore, these allowances have been allocated within the aging of the various payor classes based upon gross patient receivable amounts.

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Balance Sheet or Income Statement Caption/Nature of Critical Estimate Item (dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)	Assumption / Approach Used (dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)	Sensitivity Analysis (dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)
<i>Revenue recognition / Net Patient</i>		
<i>Service Revenues</i>		
<p>For our healthcare facilities segment, we recognize revenues in the period in which services are provided. For our specialty pharmacy segment, we recognize revenues in the period in which services are provided and at the time the customer takes possession of merchandise. Patient receivables primarily consist of amounts due from third-party payors and patients. Amounts we receive for treatment of patients covered by governmental programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid, and other third-party payors, such as HMOs, PPOs and other private insurers, are determined pursuant to contracts or established government rates and are generally less than our established billing rates. Accordingly, our gross revenues and patient receivables are reduced to net amounts receivable pursuant to such contracts or government payment rates through an allowance for contractual discounts. Approximately 86.0% of our revenues during 2008 relate to discounted charges. The sources of these revenues were as follows (as a percentage of total revenues):</p>	<p>Revenues are recorded at estimated amounts due from patients, third-party payors, institutions, pharmacies, and others for healthcare and pharmacy services and goods provided net of contractual discounts pursuant to contract or government payment rates. Estimates for contractual allowances are calculated using computerized and manual processes depending on the type of payor involved. In certain hospitals, the contractual allowances are calculated by a computerized system based on payment terms for each payor. In other hospitals, the contractual allowances are estimated manually using historical collections for each type of payor. For all hospitals, certain manual estimates are used in calculating contractual allowances based on historical collections from payors that are not significant or have not entered into a contract with us. All contractual adjustments regardless of type of payor or method of calculation are reviewed and compared to actual experience on a periodic basis.</p> <p>Accounts receivable primarily consist of amounts due from third party payors, institutions, pharmacies, and patients. Amounts we receive for the treatment of patients covered by HMOs, PPOs and other private insurers are generally less than our established billing rates. We include contractual allowances as a reduction to revenues in our financial statements based on payor specific identification and payor specific factors for rate increases and denials.</p>	
Medicare 41.6%;		
Medicaid 14.1%; and		
Commercial insurance 30.3%.		

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**Caption/Nature of Critical Estimate Item**  
(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)

**Assumption / Approach Used**  
(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)

**Sensitivity Analysis**  
(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)

*Revenue recognition / Net Patient*

*Service Revenues (continued)*

**Governmental payors**

The majority of services performed on Medicare and Medicaid patients are reimbursed at predetermined reimbursement rates. The differences between the established billing rates (i.e., gross charges) and the predetermined reimbursement rates are recorded as contractual discounts and deducted from gross charges. Under this prospective reimbursement system, there is no adjustment or settlement of the difference between the actual cost to provide the service and the predetermined reimbursement rates.

Discounts for retrospectively cost-based revenues, which were more prevalent in periods before 2000, are estimated based on historical and current factors and are adjusted in future periods when settlements of filed cost reports are received. Final settlements under these programs are subject to adjustment based on administrative review and audit by third party intermediaries, which can take several years to resolve completely.

**Commercial Insurance**

For most managed care plans, contractual allowances estimated at the time of service are adjusted to actual contractual allowances as cash is received and claims are reconciled. We evaluate the following criteria in developing the estimated contractual allowance percentages: historical contractual allowance trends based on actual claims paid by managed care payors; review of contractual allowance information reflecting

**Governmental payors**

Because the laws and regulations governing the Medicare and Medicaid programs are complex and subject to change, the estimates of contractual discounts we record could change by material amounts. Adjustments related to final settlements for revenues retrospectively increased our revenues by the following amounts:

2008 \$1,259;

2007 \$266; and

2006 \$312.

**Commercial Insurance**

If our overall estimated contractual discount percentage on all of our commercial revenues during 2008 were changed by 1%, our 2008 after-tax income from continuing operations would change by approximately \$298. This is only one example of reasonably possible sensitivity scenarios. The process of determining the allowance requires us to estimate the amount expected to

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**Caption/Nature of Critical Estimate Item**  
(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)

### **Assumption / Approach Used**

(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)

### **Sensitivity Analysis**

(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)

#### ***Revenue recognition / Net Patient***

#### ***Service Revenues (continued)***

current contract terms; consideration and analysis of changes in payor mix reimbursement levels; and other issues that may impact contractual allowances.

be received and requires a high degree of judgment. It is impacted by changes in managed care contracts and other related factors.

A significant increase in our estimate of contractual discounts would lower our earnings. This would adversely affect our results of operations, financial condition, liquidity and future access to capital.

#### ***Goodwill and accounting for business combinations***

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets (including separately identified intangible assets) of acquired companies. Our goodwill included in our consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, for the following years was as follows:

2008 \$9,453; and

2007 \$2,944.

The goodwill resulted from the 2004 acquisition of HealthMont, Inc. and the 2008 acquisition of Carmichael.

We follow the guidance in Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, and test goodwill for impairment using a fair value approach. We are required to test for impairment at least annually, absent some triggering event that would accelerate an impairment assessment. On an ongoing basis, absent any impairment indicators, we perform our goodwill impairment testing as of June 30 of each year. We determine fair value using widely accepted valuation techniques, including discounted cash flow and market multiple analyses. These types of analyses require us to make assumptions and estimates regarding future cash flows, industry economic factors and the profitability of future business strategies.

We performed our annual testing for goodwill impairment as of June 30, 2008 and 2007 using the methodology described here, and determined that no goodwill impairment existed. If actual future results are not consistent with our assumptions and estimates, we may be required to record goodwill impairment charges in the future.

The purchase price of acquisitions is allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based upon their respective fair values and is subject to change during the

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(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)

**Assumption / Approach Used**

(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)

**Sensitivity Analysis**

(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)

***Goodwill and accounting for business combinations (continued)***

twelve month period subsequent to the acquisition date. We engage independent third-party valuation firms to assist us in determining the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the time of acquisition. Such valuations require us to make significant estimates and assumptions, including projections of future events and operating performance.

Fair value estimates are derived from independent appraisals, established market values of comparable assets, or internal calculations of estimated future net cash flows. Our estimate of future cash flows is based on assumptions and projections we believe to be currently reasonable and supportable. Our assumptions take into account revenue and expense growth rates, patient volumes, changes in payor mix, and changes in legislation and other payor payment patterns.

***Professional and general liability claims***

We are subject to potential medical malpractice lawsuits and other claims as part of providing healthcare services. To mitigate a portion of this risk, we have maintained insurance for individual malpractice claims exceeding a self-insured retention amount. For the period February 1, 2001 to February 20, 2002, the self-insured retention amount was \$25 per individual claim. For the period February 21, 2002 to February 28, 2005, our self-insured retention level was \$1,000 on individual malpractice claims. For the period March 1, 2005 to February 28, 2006, our self-insured retention level was \$500 on

The reserve for professional and general liability claims is based upon independent actuarial calculations, which consider historical claims data, demographic considerations, severity factors and other actuarial assumptions in the determination of reserve estimates.

The reserve for professional and general liability claims reflects the current estimate of all outstanding losses, including incurred but not reported losses, based upon actuarial calculations as of the balance sheet date. The loss

Actuarial calculations include a large number of variables that may significantly impact the estimate of ultimate losses recorded during a reporting period. In determining loss estimates, professional judgment is used by each actuary by selecting factors that are considered appropriate by the actuary for our specific circumstances. Changes in assumptions used by our independent actuary with respect to demographics and geography, industry trends, development patterns and

**Index to Financial Statements****Balance Sheet or Income Statement**

<b>Caption/Nature of Critical Estimate Item</b>	<b>Assumption / Approach Used</b>	<b>Sensitivity Analysis</b>
(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share) <i>Professional and general liability claims (continued)</i>	(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)	(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)
individual malpractice claims. For the periods, March 1, 2006 to February 28, 2007, March 1, 2007 to February 28, 2008, and March 1, 2008 to February 28, 2009 our self-insured retention level was or will be \$1,000 on individual malpractice claims.		judgmental selection of other factors may impact our recorded reserve levels and our results of operations.
Each year, we obtain quotes from various malpractice insurers with respect to the cost of obtaining medical malpractice insurance coverage. We compare these quotes to our most recent actuarially determined estimates of losses at various self-insured retention levels. Accordingly, changes in insurance costs affect the self-insurance retention level we choose each year. As insurance costs have increased in recent years, we have accepted a higher level of risk in self-insured retention levels.	estimates included in the actuarial calculations may change in the future based upon updated facts and circumstances.	Changes in our initial estimates of professional and general liability claims are non-cash charges and accordingly, there would be no material impact currently on our liquidity or capital resources.
The reserve for professional and general liability claims included in our consolidated balance sheets as of June 30 was as follows:	We revise our reserve estimation process by obtaining independent actuarial calculations quarterly. Our estimated reserve for professional and general liability claims will be significantly affected if current and future claims differ from historical trends. While we monitor reported claims closely and consider potential outcomes as estimated by our independent actuaries when determining our professional and general liability reserves, the complexity of the claims, the extended period of time to settle the claims and the wide range of potential outcomes complicates the estimation process. In addition, certain states, including Georgia, have passed varying forms of tort reform which may attempt to limit the number and types of claims and the amount of some medical malpractice awards. If enacted limitations remain in place or if similar laws are passed in the states where our hospitals are located, our loss estimates could decrease. Conversely, liberalization of the number and type of claims and damage awards permitted under any such law applicable to our operations could cause our loss estimates to increase.	
2008 \$2,918; and		
2007 \$2,762.		
The total expense for professional and general liability coverage, included in our consolidated results of operations, was as follows:		
2008 \$ 1,283;		
2007 \$ 127; and		
2006 \$782.		



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<i>Accounting for income taxes</i>		
<p>Deferred tax assets generally represent items that will result in a tax deduction in future years for which we have already recorded the tax benefit in our income statement. We assess the likelihood that deferred tax assets will be recovered from future taxable income. To the extent we believe that recovery is not probable, a valuation allowance is established. To the extent we establish a valuation allowance or increase this allowance, we must include an expense as part of the income tax provision in our results of operations. Our net deferred tax asset balance (net of valuation allowance) in our consolidated balance sheets as of June 30 for the following years was as follows:</p>	<p>The first step in determining the deferred tax asset valuation allowance is identifying reporting jurisdictions where we have a history of tax and operating losses or are projected to have losses in future periods as a result of changes in operational performance. We then determine if a valuation allowance should be established against the deferred tax assets for that reporting jurisdiction.</p> <p>The second step is to determine the amount of the valuation allowance. We will generally establish a valuation allowance equal to the net deferred tax asset (deferred tax assets less deferred tax liabilities) related to the jurisdiction identified in the first step of the analysis. In certain cases, we may not reduce the valuation allowance by the amount of the deferred tax liabilities depending on the nature and timing of future taxable income attributable to deferred tax liabilities.</p>	<p>Our deferred tax assets exceeded our deferred tax liabilities by \$2,317 as of June 30, 2008, excluding the impact of valuation allowances. We generated federal taxable income in fiscal years 2008, 2007 and 2006. Therefore, we believe that the likelihood of our not realizing the federal tax benefit of our net deferred tax assets is remote.</p> <p>The IRS may propose adjustments for items we have failed to identify as tax contingencies. If the IRS were to propose and sustain assessments equal to 10% of our taxable income for 2008, we would incur approximately \$156 of additional tax payments for 2008 plus applicable penalties and interest.</p>
2008 \$2,317; and		
2007 \$1,745.		
<p>Our valuation allowances for deferred tax assets in our consolidated balance sheets as of June 30 for the following years were as follows:</p>	<p>In assessing tax contingencies, we identify tax issues that we believe may be challenged upon examination by the taxing authorities. We also assess the likelihood of sustaining tax benefits associated with tax planning strategies and reduce tax benefits based on management's judgment regarding such likelihood. We compute the tax on each contingency. We then determine the amount of loss, or reduction in tax benefits based upon the foregoing and reflect such amount as a component of the provision for income taxes in the reporting period.</p>	
2008 \$2,810; and		
2007 \$2,898.		
<p>In addition, significant judgment is required in determining and assessing the impact of certain tax-related contingencies. We establish accruals when, despite our belief that our tax return positions are fully supportable, it is probable that we have incurred a loss related to tax contingencies and the loss or range of loss can be reasonably estimated.</p>		





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Balance Sheet or Income Statement Caption/Nature of Critical Estimate Item (dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)	Assumption / Approach Used  (dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)	Sensitivity Analysis  (dollar amounts in thousands, except per share)
<i>Accounting for income taxes (continued)</i>		
We adjust the accruals related to tax contingencies as part of our provision for income taxes in our results of operations based upon changing facts and circumstances, such as the progress of a tax audit, development of industry related examination issues, as well as legislative, regulatory or judicial developments. A number of years may elapse before a particular matter, for which we have established an accrual, is audited and resolved.	During each reporting period, we assess the facts and circumstances related to recorded tax contingencies. If tax contingencies are no longer deemed probable based upon new facts and circumstances, the contingency is reflected as a reduction of the provision for income taxes in the current period.	

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The results of continuing operations shown in the historical summary below are for our two business segments, Healthcare Facilities and Specialty Pharmacy.

	Years Ended June 30,		
	2006	2007	2008
Net Revenues Healthcare Facilities	\$ 135,576	\$ 143,645	\$ 151,372
Net Revenues Specialty Pharmacy			7,059
Total Net Revenues	135,576	143,645	158,431
Costs and expenses	127,949	139,231	153,026
Operating Profit	7,627	4,414	5,405
Interest Expense	(1,146)	(1,462)	(2,114)
Interest Income	75	69	72
Loss on early repayment of debt			(267)
Earnings from Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes	\$ 6,556	\$ 3,021	\$ 3,096
Healthcare Facilities Segment:			
Admissions	9,970	9,908	8,865
Equivalent Admissions	25,163	26,903	25,390
Surgeries	4,900	4,847	4,422
Revenue per Equivalent Admission	\$ 5,388	\$ 5,339	\$ 5,962

*Equivalent admissions* Equivalent admissions is used by management (and certain investors) as a general approximation of combined inpatient and outpatient volume. Equivalent admissions are computed by multiplying admissions (inpatient volume) by the sum of gross inpatient revenues and gross outpatient revenues and dividing the result by gross inpatient revenues. The equivalent admissions computation is intended to relate outpatient revenues to the volume measure (admissions) used to measure inpatient volume to result in a general approximation of combined inpatient and outpatient volume (equivalent admissions).

**Results of Operations**

Our net revenues are from our two business segments, healthcare facilities and specialty pharmacy. The operations of SunLink's former Mountainside Medical Center which was operated during these periods is reported in discontinued operations for all periods discussed.

**Healthcare Facilities Segment**

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Net revenue for the year ended June 30, 2008 were \$151,372 with a total of 25,390 equivalent admissions and revenues per equivalent admission of \$5,962 compared to net revenues of \$143,645, a total of 26,903 equivalent admissions and revenues per equivalent admission of \$5,339 for the year ended June 30, 2007. The 5.3% increase in net revenues for the year ended June 30, 2008 was due primarily to increased Medicare, self pay and commercial and other revenues, increases in fees charged for services at most facilities, a 11.7% increase in net revenues per equivalent admission, and increased revenue from settlements and filings of prior year Medicare and Medicaid cost reports. Net revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 included an increase of \$992 for the settlements and filings of prior year Medicare and Medicaid cost reports compared to a net revenue decrease of \$45 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. Self-pay revenues increased due to fewer patients having insurance and increased deductibles and co-insurance for insured patients. Self-pay revenues increased 3.4% in the current fiscal year. Net revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, included net revenues of \$3,049 and 3,481 respectively, from state indigent care programs. Net outpatient service revenues increased \$12,825, an 18.8% increase from last year to \$81,059 and increased to 53.6% of net revenues from 47.6% last year.

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Net revenue for the year ended June 30, 2007 were \$143,645 with a total of 26,903 equivalent admissions and revenues per equivalent admission of \$5,339 compared to net revenues of \$135,576, a total of 25,163 equivalent admissions and revenues per equivalent admission of \$5,388 for the year ended June 30, 2006. The 6.0% increase in net revenues for the year ended June 30, 2007 was primarily from a 6.9% increase in equivalent admissions and a 30.2% increase in self pay net revenues. Net outpatient service revenues increased \$8,474, a 14.2% increase from last year to \$68,234 and increased to 47.5% of net revenues from 44.1% last year. Net revenues for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006 included \$3,481 and \$3,156, respectively, from state indigent care programs.

The recruitment of new doctors and spending for capital improvements have contributed to the increase in net revenues in the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. We added nine net new doctors during the year ended June 30, 2008, seven net new doctors during the year ended June 30, 2007, and 13 net new doctors during the year ended June 30, 2006. During the year ended June 30, 2008, SunLink expensed \$747 on physician guarantees and recruiting expenses compared to \$1,098 last year. We also have expended approximately \$17,374 for capital expenditures to upgrade services and facilities since July 1, 2006. We believe the upgraded services and facilities and the new doctors contributed to the increase in net revenues for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, compared to the prior years. We continue to seek increased patient volume by attracting additional physicians to our hospitals, further upgrading the services offered by the hospitals and improving the hospitals physical facilities.

The following table sets forth the percentage of net patient revenues from various payors for the Healthcare Facilities segment for the periods indicated:

Source	Years Ended June 30,		
	2006	2007	2008
Medicare	38.8%	39.8%	41.6%
Medicaid	16.4%	13.9%	14.1%
Self pay	11.6%	14.2%	14.0%
Commercial Insurance & Other	33.2%	32.1%	30.3%
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, we experienced a decrease in Commercial Insurance and Other as a percentage of net revenues and an increase in Self-pay revenues. The changes were due primarily to increased patients without medical insurance and increasing deductibles and co-insurance required for insured patients. Medicare net revenues increased 9.3% in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 and increased 1.8% as a percentage of total net revenues in fiscal year 2008 compared to fiscal year 2007. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, we experienced a decrease in Medicaid as a percentage of net revenues and an increase in Self-pay. In each case, the changes were due primarily to increased managed care patients and increased out-patient revenues.

## Specialty Pharmacy Segment

On April 22, 2008 SunLink acquired Carmichael. Net revenue for the year ended June 30, 2008 increased \$7,059 as a result of the acquisition.

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Costs and expenses, including depreciation and amortization, were \$153,026, \$139,231, and \$127,949, for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

	<b>Cost and Expenses as a % of Net Revenue Years Ended June 30,</b>		
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Cost of goods sold	0.0%	0.0%	2.89%
Salaries, wages and benefits	49.4%	49.1%	46.6%
Provision for bad debts	11.0%	13.6%	13.9%
Supplies	10.5%	10.8%	9.2%
Purchased services	6.4%	6.3%	6.3%
Other operating expenses	12.6%	12.1%	12.5%
Rent and lease expense	1.8%	1.9%	1.7%

Cost of goods sold was approximately 64.7% of revenue for the Specialty Pharmacy segment.

Salaries, wages and benefits expense as a percentage of net revenues decreased in the year ended June 30, 2008 compared to the prior year due to a 10% increase in net revenues, the addition of specialty pharmacy business which has a lower percentage of labor cost to revenue than the hospital facilities businesses and as a result of our wages cost control strategy implemented in fiscal year 2008. Salaries, wages and benefits expense as a percentage of net revenues decreased in the year ended June 30, 2007 compared to the prior year due to lower cost of defined contribution employee 401-K plan and share option compensation expense.

Provision for bad debts increased as a percentage of net revenue in the year ended June 30, 2008 compared to the prior year due to increases in charge

es for services rendered that could not be collected, fewer people being eligible for Medicaid due to more stringent Medicaid requirements, increased coinsurance and deductible amounts that insured persons have to pay, overall decreased collections as a percentage of revenues and higher self-pay net revenues. The increase in self pay revenues also resulted in a higher provision for bad debts due to the lower collection percentages for self-pay revenues. Self-pay revenues increased \$702 or 3.4% in the current fiscal year. Provision for bad debts increased as a percentage of net revenue in the year ended June 30, 2007 compared to the prior year due to increases in charges for services rendered that could not be collected, overall decreased collections as a percentage of net revenues and higher self-pay net revenues during the year. Self-pay net revenues increased \$3,224 or 30.2% in the year ended June 30, 2007 compared to the prior year.

Supplies expense decreased as a percentage of net revenues in the year ended June 30, 2008 compared to the prior year due to decreased admissions and surgeries. Supplies expense increased as a percentage of net revenues in the year ended June 30, 2007 compared to the prior year due to higher costs of supply items.

Other operating expenses increased as a percentage of net revenues in the year ended June 30, 2008 compared to the prior year due to higher expense for professional liability which includes the cost of insurance and higher actuarially-determined liability amounts. Other operating expenses decreased as a percentage of net revenues in the year ended June 30, 2007 compared to the prior year due to lower expense for

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professional liability which includes the cost of insurance and lower actuarially-determined liability amounts.

Depreciation and amortization expense was \$5,512, \$4,400, and \$3,400 for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and, 2006, respectively. The increase in fiscal years 2008 and 2007 depreciation and amortization expense resulted from the \$17,374 spent for new equipment for all hospitals and the renovation of one facility over the past two fiscal years.

Operating profit was \$5,405, \$4,414, and \$7,627 for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and, 2006, respectively. The increase in operating profit in the year ended June 30, 2008 compared to the prior year was due to settlements and filings of prior year Medicare and Medicaid cost reports and the reversal of a lease guarantee

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obligation recorded during the HealthMont acquisition for a facility the Company did not occupy. The decrease in operating profit in the year ended June 30, 2007 compared to the prior year was mainly due to significant increase in the bad debt provision and the increase in depreciation and amortization expense. The increase in operating profit in the year ended June 30, 2006 compared to the prior year was mainly due to the increase in net revenues and lower professional liability risks.

Interest expense was \$2,114, \$1,462, and \$1,146 for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and, 2006, respectively. The increase in fiscal years 2008 and 2007 interest expense resulted from higher outstanding debt amounts due to capital expenditures and the \$19,000 paid in cash in April 2008 for Carmichael. In April 2008, we entered into a new \$47,000 seven-year senior secured credit facility agreement. As of June 30, 2008, our outstanding balance on our new credit agreement is \$38,754. As of June 30, 2007, our outstanding balance on our prior credit agreement was \$12,922.

On April 23, 2008, SunLink repaid all outstanding balances and terminated the 2004 Credit Facility with a portion of the proceeds of a new \$47,000 seven-year senior secured credit facility. The Company did not incur any early termination penalties in connection with the termination of the 2004 Credit Agreement. A loss on early repayment of debt of approximately \$267 was recorded in April 2008 as a result of writing-off remaining unamortized prepaid debt cost of the 2004 credit facility. The additional borrowing capacity in the new credit facility was needed for funding the acquisition of Carmichael.

We recorded income tax expense of \$1,087 (\$1,053 federal and \$34 state tax expense) for the year ended June 30, 2008 compared to income tax expense of \$1,444 (\$1,272 federal and \$172 state tax expense) for the year ended June 30, 2007 and income tax expense of \$2,375 (\$2,120 federal and \$255 state tax expense) for the year ended June 30, 2006. The \$1,053 federal tax expense for the year ended June 30, 2008 included an \$848 deferred tax benefit. The \$1,272 federal tax expense for the year ended June 30, 2007 included a \$185 deferred tax benefit. The \$2,120 federal tax expense for the year ended June 30, 2006 included a \$147 deferred tax benefit. We had an estimated net operating loss carry-forward for federal income tax purposes of approximately \$6,633 at June 30, 2008. Use of this net operating loss carry-forward is subject to the limitations of the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 382. As a result, not all of the net operating loss carry-forward is available to offset federal taxable income in the current year. We have provided a valuation allowance for \$2,810 of our \$5,127 gross deferred tax asset (the majority of which is the net operating loss carry-forward for federal income tax purposes) as it is our assessment based upon the criteria identified in SFAS No. 109 that it is currently more likely than not that only \$2,317 of the gross deferred tax asset will be realized through future taxable earnings or implementation of tax planning strategies.

Earnings from continuing operations were \$2,009 (\$.26 per fully diluted share) for the year ended June 30, 2008 compared to earnings from continuing operations of \$1,577 (\$0.20 per fully diluted share) for the year ended June 30, 2007 and \$4,181 (\$0.53 per fully diluted share) for the year ended June 30, 2006. Earnings from continuing operations in fiscal 2008 increased from fiscal 2007 due to increased operating profit which resulted from settlements and filings of prior year Medicare and Medicaid cost reports and the reversal of the lease guarantee obligation recorded during the Healthmont acquisition. Earnings from continuing operations in fiscal 2007 decreased from fiscal 2006 due to decreased operating profit which resulted from higher provision for bad debts and depreciation and amortization expense and a higher effective income tax rate in fiscal 2007. Earnings from continuing operations in fiscal 2006 decreased from fiscal 2005 due to a higher effective income tax rate in fiscal 2006 due to lower net operating tax loss carry-forwards available in fiscal 2006.

Loss from discontinued operations of \$393 for the year ended June 30, 2008 primarily resulted from legal costs related to our discontinued operations. Loss from discontinued operations of \$181 for the year ended June 30, 2007 resulted from \$103 of losses after tax benefit from Mountainside, primarily due to legal expenses and \$78 of after tax benefit losses resulting from domestic pension items. Loss from discontinued operations for the year ended June 30, 2006 of \$272 resulted from \$390 of losses after tax benefit from Mountainside, primarily due to \$588 of unfavorable settlements of prior years Medicaid cost reports relating to periods prior to SunLink's sale of Mountainside, reduced by \$118 of earnings of domestic pension items.





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Net earnings for the year ended June 30, 2008 were \$1,616 (\$0.21 per fully diluted share) compared to net earnings of \$1,396 (\$0.18 per fully diluted share) for the year ended June 30, 2007 and \$3,909 (\$0.53 per fully diluted share) for the year ended June 30, 2006.

**Earnings before income taxes, interest, depreciation and amortization**

Earnings before income taxes, interest, depreciation and amortization ( Ebitda ) represent the sum of income before income taxes, interest, depreciation and amortization. We understand that certain industry analysts and investors generally consider Ebitda to be one measure of the liquidity of a company, and it is presented to assist analysts and investors in analyzing the ability of a company to generate cash, service debt and meet capital requirements. We believe increased Ebitda is an indicator of improved ability to service existing debt and to satisfy capital requirements. Ebitda, however, is not a measure of financial performance under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and should not be considered an alternative to net income as a measure of operating performance or to cash liquidity. Because Ebitda is not a measure determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and is thus susceptible to varying calculations, Ebitda, as presented, may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other corporations. Where we adjust EBITDA for non-cash charges we refer to such measurement as Adjusted EBITDA , which we report on a company wide basis. Non-cash adjustments in Adjusted EBITDA are not intended to be identified or characterized in any respect as non-recurring, infrequent or unusual, if we believe such charge is reasonably likely to recur within two years, or if there was a similar charge (or gain) within the prior two years. Where we report Adjusted EBITDA, we typically also report Hospital Facilities Segment Adjusted EBITDA and Specialty Pharmacy Segment Adjusted EBITDA which is the EBITDA for the applicable Segments without any allocation of corporate overhead, which we report as a separate line item, and without any allocation of the non-cash adjustments, which we also report as a separate line item in Adjusted EBITDA. Net cash provided by (used in) operations for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively, is shown below.

	Years ended June 30,		
	2006	2007	2008
Healthcare Facilities Adjusted Ebitda	\$ 16,303	\$ 12,865	\$ 14,921
Specialty Pharmacy Adjusted Ebitda			821
Corporate overhead costs	(5,276)	(4,051)	(4,451)
Taxes and net interest expense	(3,446)	(2,837)	(2,950)
Other non-cash expenses and net changes in operating assets and liabilities	(3,075)	(1,228)	(6,661)
Net cash provided by operations	\$ 4,506	\$ 4,749	\$ 1,680

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

We generated \$1,680 of cash from operations during the year ended June 30, 2008 compared to \$4,749 from operations during the comparable period of the prior year. Cash was generated from net earnings, non-cash expenses of depreciation and amortization and stock-based compensation offset by decreased revolving debt, decreased third party payor settlements, increased prepaid and other current assets, cash used in discontinued operations and income taxes paid.

We generated \$4,749 of cash from operations during the year ended June 30, 2007 compared to \$4,506 from operations during the year ended June 30, 2006. Cash was generated from net earnings, non-cash expenses of depreciation and amortization and stock-based compensation and decreased net patient receivables offset by decreased accounts payable and accrued expenses, increased prepaid and other current assets, cash used in discontinued operations and income taxes paid.



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SunLink expended \$8,337, \$9,037 and \$8,012 for capital expenditures at our hospitals (included in continuing operations) during the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. These capital expenditures were primarily for new and replacement equipment and the Dahlonega projects. We believe an attractive, up to date physical facility assists in recruiting quality staff and physicians, as well as attracting patients.

In August 2007, the Company received final approval of a Certificate of Need application with the State of Georgia to build a replacement hospital in Ellijay, Georgia. To date, SunLink has made no commitments related to the replacement hospital. However, SunLink exercised its option to purchase land, the seller failed to close, and SunLink and the seller of the land are currently in litigation and the outcome is uncertain. Cost for such property is approximately \$3,300. Except for the Ellijay, Georgia land purchase, there are no other material future commitments for capital expenditures.

On October 15, 2004, SunLink entered into a \$30,000 five-year senior secured credit facility ( 2004 Credit Facility ) comprised of a revolving line of credit of up to \$15,000 with an interest rate at LIBOR plus 2.91%, a \$10,000 term loan ( SunLink Term Loan A ) with an interest rate at LIBOR plus 3.91% and a \$5,000 term loan facility ( SunLink Term Loan B ) with an interest rate at LIBOR plus 3.91%.

On April 23, 2008, SunLink repaid all outstanding balances and terminated the 2004 Credit Facility with a portion of the proceeds of a new \$47,000 seven-year senior secured credit facility. The Company did not incur any early termination penalties in connection with the termination of the 2004 Credit Agreement. A loss on early repayment of debt of approximately \$267 was recorded in April 2008 as a result of writing-off remaining unamortized prepaid debt cost of the 2004 credit facility.

A new \$47,000 seven-year senior secured credit facility ( 2008 Credit Facility ) was entered into on April 23, 2008 and is comprised of a revolving line of credit of up to \$12,000 with an interest rate at LIBOR plus 3.50% (6.25% at 6/30/08) (the Revolving Loan ) and a \$35,000 term loan with an interest rate at LIBOR plus 5.07% (7.82% at 6/30/08) (the Term Loan ). The Revolving Loan and the Term Loan were immediately available to the Company for borrowing at April 23, 2008. The total availability of credit under all components of the credit facility is keyed to the level of SunLink's earnings, which, based upon the Company's estimates, provided for current borrowing capacity, before any draws, of approximately \$47,000 on the closing date. At closing, the entire \$35,000 term loan and \$5,500 of the revolving loan were drawn. The Company used the initial proceeds of the loans in the amount of \$40,500 to repay outstanding debt, including the 2004 Credit Agreement, to pay the cash portion of the purchase price for the Carmichael acquisition, to pay fees and expenses thereunder and for general corporate purposes. Costs and fees related to execution of the credit facility were \$2,115. The Credit Facility is secured by a first priority security interest in substantially all real and personal property of the Company and its consolidated domestic subsidiaries, including a pledge of all of the equity interests in such subsidiaries.

If SunLink or its applicable subsidiaries experience a material adverse change in their business, assets, financial condition, management or operations, or if the value of the collateral securing the SunLink Credit Facility decreases, we may be unable to draw on the credit facility.

We believe we have adequate financing and liquidity to support our current level of operations through the next twelve months. Our primary sources of liquidity are cash generated from continuing operations and availability under the SunLink Credit Facility. The total availability of credit under all components of the SunLink Credit Facility is keyed to the level of SunLink's earnings, which, based upon the Company's estimates, would provide for current borrowing capacity of \$47,000 at June 30, 2008, of which \$34,854 was outstanding under a term loan and \$3,900 was outstanding on a revolver loan. The current remaining availability of approximately \$8,246 could be adversely affected by, among other things, the risk, uncertainties and other factors listed at the beginning of Item 7, as well as lower earnings due to lower demand for our services by patients, changes in patient mix and changes in terms and levels of government and private reimbursement for



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services. Cash generated from operations could be adversely affected by, among other things, the risks, uncertainties and other factors listed at the beginning of Item 7, as well as lower patient demand for our services, higher operating costs (including, but not limited to, salaries, wages and benefits, provisions for bad debts, general liability and other insurance costs, cost of pharmaceutical drugs and other operating expenses) or by changes in terms and levels of government and private reimbursement for services, and the regulatory environment of the community hospital segment.

**Contractual Obligations, Commitments and Contingencies**

Contractual obligations related to long-term debt, non-cancelable operating leases, physician guarantees and interest on outstanding debt from continuing operations at June 30, 2008 is shown in the following table. The interest on variable interest debt is calculated at the interest rate in effect at June 30, 2008.

<b>Payments Due in:</b>	<b>Long-Term Debt</b>	<b>Subordinated Long-Term Debt</b>	<b>Operating Leases</b>	<b>Physician Guarantees</b>	<b>Interest on Long-Term Debt</b>	<b>Interest on Subordinated Long-Term Debt</b>
1 year	\$ 1,844	\$ 150	\$ 2,502	\$ 139	\$ 2,671	\$ 234
2 years	1,764	300	2,048	0	2,521	216
3 years	1,750	300	1,128	0	2,383	192
4 years	1,750	300	589	0	2,247	168
5 years	1,750	300	315	0	2,110	144
More than 5 years	26,104	1,650	1,400	0	2,041	132
	<b>\$ 34,962</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 7,982</b>	<b>\$ 139</b>	<b>\$ 13,973</b>	<b>\$ 1,086</b>

At June 30, 2008 SunLink had a contract with one physician which contained guaranteed minimum gross receipts. Physician guarantee contracts entered into after January 1, 2006 are accounted for under the provisions of FSP FIN 45-3. See Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies Recent Accounting Standards for discussion of FSP FIN 45-3. For guarantee contracts entered into prior to the adoption of FSP FIN 45-3, SunLink expenses physician guarantees as they are determined to be due to the physician on an accrual basis. Each month the physician's gross patient receipts are accumulated and the difference between the monthly guarantee and the physician's actual gross receipts for the month is calculated. If the guarantee is greater than the receipts, the difference is accrued as a liability and an expense. The net guarantee amount is paid to the physician in the succeeding month. If the physician's monthly receipts exceed the guarantee amount in subsequent months, then the overage is repaid to SunLink to the extent of any prior monthly guarantee payments and the liability and expense is reduced by the amount of the repayments. The physician with whom the guarantee agreement is made agrees to maintain his/her practice within the hospital geographic area for a specific period (normally three years) or he/she would be liable to repay all or a portion of the guarantee received. The physician's liability for any guarantee repayment due to non-compliance with guarantee provisions will be collateralized by the physician's patient accounts receivable and/or a promissory note from the physician. Included in Company's consolidated balance sheet at June 30, 2008 is a liability of \$130 for physician guarantees accounted for under the provisions of FSP FIN 45-3. SunLink expensed \$747, \$1,098, and \$1,699, for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

At June 30, 2008, we had outstanding long-term debt of \$34,962 of which \$34,854 was incurred in connection with the SunLink Credit Facility and \$108 was related to capital leases. At June 30, 2007, we had outstanding long-term debt of \$8,536 of which \$8,222 was incurred in connection with the SunLink Credit Facility and \$314 was related to capital leases.

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On July 13, 2006, Piedmont Healthcare, Inc. ( PHI ) and Piedmont Mountainside Hospital, Inc. ( PMH ) (collectively, Plaintiffs or Piedmont ) filed a Complaint in the Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia, alleging breach of the Asset Purchase Agreement (the Agreement ) dated as of April 9, 2004 by and among PMH, Piedmont Medical Center, Inc. (n/k/a PMI ), Southern Health Corporation of Jasper, Inc. ( SHJI ),

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SunLink Healthcare LLC (formerly SunLink Healthcare Corp.), and SunLink (collectively, Defendants or SunLink) pursuant to which the Mountainside Medical Center was sold to PMH in June 2004. Specifically, Piedmont seek to have SunLink reimburse Piedmont for certain costs associated with an alleged indigent and charity care shortfall of Piedmont Mountainside Hospital (formerly Mountainside Medical Center) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004 demanded by the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH). In addition, Piedmont seeks reimbursement for funds allegedly recouped from PMH by DCH in respect of Medicaid Cost Report settlements and adjustments for the reporting periods ending June 30, 2002, June 30, 2003 and May 31, 2004. Piedmont also seeks a declaratory judgment to the effect that Piedmont may retain certain payments it has received from the DCH's Indigent Care Trust Fund for Disproportionate Share Hospitals. Piedmont also seeks recovery of costs and attorney's fees under the Agreement and Georgia law.

On August 11, 2006, SunLink filed an answer to the complaint asserting factual and legal defenses, along with a counterclaim. In the counterclaim, SunLink alleges that Piedmont breached the Agreement by failing to reimburse SHJI for funds paid Piedmont from the DCH's Indigent Care Trust Fund for Disproportionate Share Hospitals, which payments SunLink contend qualify as excluded assets not sold to Piedmont under the Agreement. SunLink also alleged that PMI breached its obligations to guaranty PMH's payment and performance of its obligations under the Agreement. SunLink seeks a declaratory judgment regarding the parties' rights in respect of the payments made from the Indigent Care Trust Fund. Finally, SunLink seeks to recover their costs and attorney's fees under the Agreement and Georgia law. The Court has scheduled a hearing on all pending summary judgment and discovery motions for September 26, 2008.

SunLink denies that it has any liability to the Plaintiffs and intends to vigorously defend the claims asserted against SunLink in connection with the complaint and to vigorously pursue its counterclaim. While the ultimate outcome and materiality of the litigation cannot be determined, in management's opinion the litigation will not have a material adverse effect on SunLink's financial condition or results of operations.

## **Discontinued Operations**

SunLink sold its former U.K. housewares manufacturing subsidiary, Beldray Limited (Beldray), to two of its managers in October 2001. Beldray has since entered into administrative receivership and is under the administration of its primary lender. SunLink believes Beldray ceased to operate in October 2004.

On August 6, 2007 the liquidator in an insolvency proceeding in the United Kingdom involving SunLink's former subsidiary KRUG International (UK) Limited (KRUG UK) made an application in The Birmingham County Court in Birmingham, England in which the liquidator is seeking a declaration by the court that a transfer of certain funds in 2001 from KRUG UK to SunLink in connection with the purchase of certain preferred stock of another subsidiary of SunLink, the making of a loan to SunLink, and certain forgiveness of debt to SunLink by KRUG UK Limited was improper as, among other things, KRUG UK was then effectively insolvent and that the approval of such transfers by the then directors of KRUG UK resulted in a breach of their fiduciary duties. The liquidator seeks to have the court order that the former directors or, in the alternative, SunLink, be required to account for, repay or restore such funds to the liquidator of KRUG UK. In connection with the allegations in the application of breach of fiduciary duty by the directors of KRUG UK in approving the transfer of such funds, SunLink has indemnification obligations to the former directors of KRUG UK. Each of the directors of KRUG UK and SunLink have now been served. SunLink denies any liability to KRUG UK other than to it in KRUG UK's status as a preferred stockholder and for the unpaid balance on the promissory note. SunLink, through its United Kingdom counsel, intends to vigorously defend against the liquidator's claims.

SunLink's non-current liability reserves for discontinued operations at June 30, 2008, included a reserve for a portion of the Beldray Guarantee, which would be sought pursuant to the application made by the liquidator of KRUG UK. Such reserve was based upon management's estimate, after consultation with its property consultants and legal counsel, of the cost to satisfy the Beldray Guarantee in light of KRUG UK's limited assets and before taking into account any other claims against KRUG UK. The maximum potential obligation of KRUG UK for rent under the Beldray Guarantee is estimated to be approximately \$8,400. SunLink expensed \$306 in the fiscal





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year ended June 30, 2008 on legal costs to defend against the claim. As a result of this claim and the U.K. liquidation proceedings against KRUG UK, SunLink expects KRUG UK to be wound-up in liquidation in the UK and has fully reserved for any assets of KRUG UK.

Additional contingent obligations, other than with respect to our existing operations, include potential product liability claims for products manufactured and sold before the disposal of our discontinued industrial segment in fiscal year 1989 and for guarantees of certain obligations of former subsidiaries. We have provided an accrual at June 30, 2008 related to the Beldray Lease Guarantee, as discussed above. Based upon an evaluation of information currently available and consultation with legal counsel, management has not reserved any amounts for contingencies related to these liquidations.

## **Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404**

We have completed the planning, documentation and testing phase of our efforts to comply with the provisions of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 ( "Sarbanes Oxley" ) in order to permit our management to report on, as of June 30, 2008, and our independent auditors to attest to, as of June 30, 2010, our internal controls over financial reporting as required by Sarbanes-Oxley. See "Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting" on Item 9A of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for our assessment. After reviewing several proposals from outside consulting firms to help us implement Sarbanes-Oxley during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, management decided to use in-house personnel to implement Sarbanes-Oxley compliant internal controls.

## **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In February 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 155, *Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments - an amendment of FASB Statements No. 133 and 140*, which simplifies accounting for certain hybrid financial instruments by permitting fair value remeasurement for any hybrid instrument that contains an embedded derivative that otherwise would require bifurcation and eliminates a restriction on the passive derivative instruments that a qualifying special-purpose entity may hold. SFAS No. 155 is effective for all financial instruments acquired, issued or subject to a remeasurement (new basis) event occurring after the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after September 15, 2006. The Company adopted SFAS No. 155 at the beginning of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. There was no effect on the consolidated statement of earnings from the adoption of this statement.

In March 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 156, *Accounting for Servicing of Financial Assets - an amendment of FASB Statement No. 140*, which establishes, among other things, the accounting for all separately recognized servicing assets and servicing liabilities by requiring that all separately recognized servicing assets and servicing liabilities be initially measured at fair value, if practicable, and permits the entity to choose either the amortization method or fair value method for subsequent measurement. SFAS No. 156 is effective as of the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after September 15, 2006. The Company adopted SFAS No. 156 at the beginning of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. There was no effect on the consolidated statement of earnings from the adoption of this statement.

In June 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48 ( "FIN 48" ), *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109*, which establishes that the financial statement effects of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return are to be recognized in the financial statements when it is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, that the position will be sustained upon examination. This Interpretation is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006.



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The Company adopted the provisions of FIN 48 on July 1, 2007. It requires that a change in judgment related to prior years' tax positions be recognized in the quarter of such change. As a result of the implementation of FIN 48, the Company recognized a liability for unrecognized tax benefits in the amount of \$58 which was accounted for as the creation of a deferred tax asset as of July 1, 2007. A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amounts of unrecognized tax benefits is as follows:

Balance at July 1, 2007	\$ 58
Additions based on tax positions related to current year	23
Additions for tax positions of prior years	
Reductions for tax positions of prior years	(23)
Settlements	
Balance at June 30, 2008	\$ 58

The Company or one of its subsidiaries files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, and various states and foreign jurisdictions. The Company is currently subject to a U.S. federal income tax examination for one tax year. Except for this examination, the Company is not subject to any current U.S. federal, state or local, or non-U.S. income tax examinations by tax authorities for any tax years. We believe that there is no tax jurisdiction in which the outcome of unresolved issues or claims is likely to be material to our financial position, cash flows or results of operations. We further believe that we have made adequate provision for all income tax uncertainties.

At July 1, 2007, our unrecognized tax benefits, the aggregate tax effect of differences between tax return positions and the benefits recognized in our financial statements as shown above, amounted to \$58. This amount remained unchanged during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 to \$58. If recognized, all of our unrecognized tax benefits would not reduce our income tax expense or effective tax rate except as such recognition related to the removal of the liability associated with interest classified as income tax expense. During 2008, certain factors could potentially reduce our unrecognized tax benefits, either because of the expiration of open statutes of limitation or modifications to our intercompany accounting policies and procedures. Of these tax positions, none relate to positions that would affect our total tax provision or effective tax rate (except as such recognition related to the removal of the liability associated with interest classified as income tax expense).

We classify interest on tax deficiencies as tax expense and also classify income tax penalties as tax expense. At July 1, 2007, before any tax benefits, our accrued interest on unrecognized tax benefits amounted to \$6 and we had recorded no related accrued penalties. The amount of accrued interest increased by \$4 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 to \$10.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*, which establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. SFAS No. 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is currently evaluating the effect of adopting SFAS No. 157 on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*, which provides companies with an option to report selected financial assets and liabilities at fair value. It also establishes presentation and disclosure requirements designed to facilitate comparisons between companies that choose different measurement attributes for similar types of assets and liabilities. SFAS No. 159 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is currently evaluating the effect of adopting SFAS No. 159 on the Company's consolidated financial statements.



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In March 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141R, *Business Combinations*, which is intended to improve, simplify, and converge internationally the accounting for business combinations and the reporting of noncontrolling interests in consolidated financial statements. Under SFAS No. 141R, an acquiring entity will be required to recognize all the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a transaction at the acquisition-date fair value with limited exceptions. SFAS No. 141R includes a substantial number of new disclosure requirements. SFAS No. 141R applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008. Earlier adoption is prohibited. The Company will comply with the new SFAS No. 141R requirements for any future business combination transactions.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, *Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements: an Amendment of ARB No. 51*, which establishes new accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. SFAS No. 160 is intended to improve the relevance, comparability, and transparency of financial information provided to investors by requiring all entities to report noncontrolling (minority) interests in subsidiaries in the same way as equity in the consolidated financial statements. SFAS No. 160 includes expanded disclosure requirements regarding the interests of the parent and its noncontrolling interest. SFAS No. 160 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning on or after December 15, 2008. Earlier adoption is prohibited. The Company is currently evaluating the effect of adopting SFAS No. 160 on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161 *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities: an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133*, which requires enhanced disclosures about an entity's derivative and hedging activities and thereby improves the transparency of financial reporting. SFAS No. 161 is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008, with early application encouraged. This Statement encourages, but does not require, comparative disclosures for earlier periods at initial adoption. The Company is currently evaluating the effect of adopting SFAS No. 161 on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FSP No. FAS 142-3, *Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets*. This FSP amends the factors that should be considered in developing renewal or extension assumptions used to determine the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under SFAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*. The Company is required to adopt FSP 142-3 on September 1, 2009, earlier adoption is prohibited. The guidance in FSP 142-3 for determining the useful life of a recognized intangible asset shall be applied prospectively to intangible assets acquired after adoption, and the disclosure requirements shall be applied prospectively to all intangible assets recognized as of, and subsequent to, adoption. The Company is currently evaluating the effect of FSP 142-3 on its consolidated statements.

In May 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 162, *Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* (SFAS 162). This statement is intended to improve financial reporting by identifying a consistent framework, or hierarchy, for selecting accounting principles to be used in preparing financial statements of nongovernmental entities that are presented in conformity with GAAP. This statement will be effective 60 days following the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board amendment to AU Section 411, *The Meaning of Present Fairly in Conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*. The adoption of this Statement is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

## **Related Party Transactions**

A director of the Company and the Company's secretary (who was a director of SunLink until November 2003 and is now director emeritus) are members of two different law firms, each of which provides services to SunLink. We have paid an aggregate of \$1,154, \$624, and \$564 to these law firms in the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.



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### **Inflation**

During periods of inflation and labor shortages, employee wages increase and suppliers pass along rising costs to us in the form of higher prices for their supplies and services. We have not always been able to offset increases in operating costs by increasing prices for our services and products or by implementing cost control measures. We are unable to predict our ability to control future cost increases or offset future cost increases by passing along the increased cost to customers.

### **Item 7A. *Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk***

We are exposed to interest rate changes, primarily as a result of borrowing under the SunLink Credit Facility completed in April 2008. Borrowings of \$3,900 at June 30, 2008 were outstanding under the SunLink Credit Facility at interest rates based upon LIBOR. A one percent change in the LIBOR rate would result in a change in interest expense of \$39 on an annual basis. No action has been taken to mitigate our exposure to interest rate market risk and we are not a party to any interest rate market risk management activities.

### **Item 8. *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data***

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### **Item 9. *Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure***

None.

### **Item 9A(T). *Controls and Procedures***



**Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures** We maintain controls and procedures designed to ensure that we are able to collect the information we are required to disclose in the reports we file with the SEC, and to process, summarize and disclose this information within the time periods specified in the rules of the SEC. Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated our disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act)). Based on such evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of June 30, 2008, our controls and procedures were effective to ensure that we are able to collect, process and disclose the information we are required to disclose in the reports we file with the SEC within the required time periods.

**Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting** Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Our internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance to management and the board of directors regarding the preparation and fair presentation of published financial statements.

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Because of its inherent limitations, internal controls over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

Management assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of June 30, 2008. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in *Internal Control-Integrated Framework*. Based on our assessment, management concluded that, as of June 30, 2008, our internal control over financial reporting was effective based on those criteria.

In accordance with the rules of the SEC, we did not assess the internal control over financial reporting of one of our subsidiaries Carmichael's Cashway Pharmacy, Inc. (Carmichael) that we acquired on April 23, 2008. Such subsidiary represented approximately 25% of our total consolidated assets at June 30, 2008. In our Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2009, we will be required to provide an assessment of our compliance that takes into account an assessment of Carmichael and all of our other currently existing subsidiaries as of June 30, 2009.

Since the April 2008 acquisition of Carmichael, (see Note 3 to the financial statements included in this report), we have focused upon integrating the operations acquired into our disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls. On September 17, 2008, we announced that the financial statements of Carmichael for the periods June 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 and January 1, 2008 through April 22, 2008, should not be relied upon and that we expect the audited financial statements of Carmichael to be restated to adjust the pre-acquisition periods previously reported in our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 9, 2008.

As previously reported, we reached our conclusion based on information reviewed by SunLink's Management, SunLink's Audit Committee and SunLink's independent registered public accounting firm that the Carmichael financial statements contain errors that include the amount of customer receivables and which relates to pre-acquisition collections, bad debts policies and Carmichael collection activities. Based on current information, we believe the receivables balance will be decreased by at least \$1,300,000 and there will be an increase in the allowance for doubtful accounts and certain customer credit adjustments, which will result in an adjustment to our allocation of the acquisition purchase price.

Due to the need to integrate Carmichael into our system of disclosure and internal controls, we may not be able to calculate meaningful changes in bad debts or revenue until after the first anniversary of the acquisition. Furthermore, the pre-existing deficiencies in Carmichael financial systems, processes and related internal controls increase the risk that the historical financial statements of the Carmichael operations and cash flows which were provided to SunLink may not be accurate in additional ways or to an extent beyond the way preliminarily identified by us in our September Current Report on Form 8-K. Prior to the acquisition, we conducted extensive due diligence investigations with respect to the operations and cash flows of Carmichael; however, there is a risk due to material deficiencies in Carmichael internal controls that additional undetected errors may exist in the financial statements provided by Carmichael.

Our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, after evaluating the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) as of June 30, 2008 (the Evaluation Date)), have concluded that as of the Evaluation Date, our disclosure controls and procedures were adequate and designed to ensure that material information relating to us and our consolidated subsidiaries would be made known to them by others within those entities.

This annual report does not include an attestation report of the Company's registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management's report was not subject to attestation by the company's registered public accounting firm pursuant to temporary rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission that permit the company to provide only management's report in this annual report.



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**Changes in Internal Controls over Financial Reporting** There have been no changes in our internal controls during the quarter ended June 30, 2008, that materially affected, or were reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal controls over financial reporting.

**Item 9B. *Other Information***

None.

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**PART III**

**Item 10. *Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance***

**Audit Committee Financial Expert**

We have a separately-designated standing audit committee established in accordance with section 3(a)(58) (A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The members of our Committee are Messrs. Ford (Chairman) and Hall and Ms. Brenner. All three members of the committee are independent as defined in Section 121 (A) of the American Stock Exchange's listing standards. Our Board of Directors has determined that we have at least one audit committee financial expert as defined under Item 401(h) of Regulation S-K serving on our audit committee. Mr. Ford is an audit committee financial expert and is independent as defined under the applicable SEC and American Stock Exchange Rules.

**Code of Ethics**

We have adopted a Code of Ethics (SunLink Health Systems, Inc. Code of Conduct) within the meaning of Item 406(b) of Regulation S-K. The Code of Ethics applies to all employees including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer. The Code of Ethics is publicly available on our website at [www.sunlinkhealth.com](http://www.sunlinkhealth.com) or upon request by writing to us. If we make substantial amendments to our Code of Ethics or grant any waiver for the three previously named individuals, including any implicit waivers, we will disclose the nature of such amendment or waiver on our website or in a report on Form 8-K within five days of such amendment or waiver.

**Other Information**

Certain information required by this Item 10 will be set forth in the Company's Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Shareholders scheduled to be held on November 10, 2008, except for certain information concerning the executive officers of the Company which is set forth in Part I of this Report.

**Item 11. *Executive Compensation***

The information required by this Item 11 will be set forth in the Company's Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Shareholders scheduled to be held on November 10, 2008, and is incorporated herein by this reference.

**Item 12. *Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters***

The information required by this Item 12 will be set forth in the Company's Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Shareholders scheduled to be held on November 10, 2008, and is incorporated herein by this reference.

**Item 13.**     *Certain Relationships and Related Transactions and Director Independence*

The information required by this Item 13 will be set forth in the Company's Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Shareholders scheduled to be held on November 10, 2008, and is incorporated herein by this reference.

**Item 14.**     *Principal Accounting Fees and Services*

The information required by this Item 14 will be set forth in the Company's Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Shareholders scheduled to be held on November 10, 2008, and is incorporated herein by this reference.

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**PART IV**

**Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules and Reports on Form 8-K**

(a) (1) Financial Statements

The following consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries are set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.

Consolidated Balance Sheets June 30, 2008 and 2007.

Consolidated Statements of Earnings For the Years Ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006.

Consolidated Statements of Shareholders Equity For the Years Ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows For the Years Ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements For the Years Ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006.

(a) (2) Financial Statement Schedules

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm  
Schedule II Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

At page 78 of this Report.  
At page 79 of this Report.

The information required to be submitted in Schedules I, III, IV and V for SunLink Health Systems, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries has either been shown in the financial statements or notes, or is not applicable or not required under Regulation S-X and, therefore, has been omitted.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

**Date of Report**  
April 29, 2008

**Subject of Report**  
Reporting acquisition of Carmichael's Cashway Pharmacy, termination of credit facility with Residential Funding Corporation and entering into a new credit facility with Chatham Credit Management III, LLC.

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed with this Form 10-K or incorporated herein by reference from the document set forth next to the exhibit in the list below:

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- 2.1 Asset Purchase Agreement, dated April 9, 2004, by and among Piedmont Mountainside Hospital, Inc., Piedmont Medical Center, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Jasper, Inc., Southern Health Corporation, SunLink Healthcare Corp. and SunLink Health Systems, Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 2.1 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated April 14, 2004).
- 3.1 Amended Articles of Incorporation of SunLink Health Systems, Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2001).
- 3.2 Code of Regulations of SunLink Health Systems, Inc., as amended (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.2 of the Company's Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2001).
- 3.3 Certificate of Amendment to Amend Article Fourth of the Amended Articles of Incorporation of SunLink Health Systems, Inc. dated February 13, 2004 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Report on Form 10-Q dated February 17, 2004).
- 4.1 Shareholder Rights Agreement dated as of February 8, 2004, between SunLink Health Systems, Inc. and Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Rights Agent (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated February 10, 2004).



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- 10.1\* 1995 Incentive Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.3 of the Company's Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 1996).
- 10.2 Rent Review Memorandum between Rootmead Limited, Beldray Limited and KRUG International (UK) Limited dated August 30, 2000 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Report on Form 10-Q dated September 30, 2001).
- 10.3 Counterpart/Reversionary Lease between Rootmead Limited, Beldray Limited and KRUG International (UK) Limited dated August 30, 2000 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's Report on Form 10-Q dated September 30, 2001).
- 10.4 Pre-emption Agreement between Rootmead Limited, Beldray Limited and KRUG International (UK) Limited dated August 30, 2000 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.3 of the Company's Report on Form 10-Q dated September 30, 2001).
- 10.5 Lease between Barton Industrial Park Limited, Beldray Limited and Butterfield-Harvey Limited dated June 8, 1979 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.4 of the Company's Report on Form 10-Q dated September 30, 2001).
- 10.6\* 2001 Long-Term Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.5 of the Company's Report on Form 10-Q dated September 30, 2001).
- 10.7\* 2001 Outside Directors' Stock Ownership and Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.6 of the Company's Report on Form 10-Q dated September 30, 2001).
- 10.8 Agreement relating to the sale and purchase of the whole of the issued share capital of Beldray Limited dated August 30, 2001, between Bradley International Holdings Limited and Marshall Cooper and John Clegg (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated October 15, 2001).
- 10.9 Variation relating to the sale and purchase of the whole of the issued share capital of Beldray Limited dated August 30, 2001, dated October 3, 2001, between Bradley International Holdings Limited and Marshall Cooper and John Clegg (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated October 15, 2001).
- 10.10\* Employment Agreement, dated May 13, 2008, between SunLink Homecare Services, LLC and George D. Shaunnessy (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.30 of SunLink's Form 8-K dated May 19, 2008).
- 10.11\* Employment Letter, dated April 30, 2001, by and between SunLink Health Systems, Inc. and Mark Stockslager (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.29 of SunLink's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2005).
- 10.12\* Employment Letter, dated February 1, 2001, by and between SunLink Healthcare Corp. and Jerome Orth (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.30 of SunLink's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2005).
- 10.13 Credit Agreement between SunLink Health Systems, Inc., SunLink Healthcare LLC, Dexter Hospital, LLC, Clanton Hospital, LLC, Southern Healthcare Corporation of Ellijay, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Dahlonega, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Houston, Inc., HealthMont, Inc., HealthMont of Georgia, Inc., HealthMont of Missouri, Inc., HealthMont, LLC, HealthMont of Missouri, LLC, SunLink Services, Inc., Optima Healthcare Corporation, and KRUG Properties, Inc., and Residential Funding Corporation dated October 15, 2004 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.73 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated October 21, 2004).

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- 10.14 Form of Revolving Note between SunLink Health Systems, Inc., SunLink Healthcare LLC, Dexter Hospital, LLC, Clanton Hospital, LLC, Southern Healthcare Corporation of Ellijay, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Dahlonaga, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Houston, Inc., HealthMont, Inc., HealthMont of Georgia, Inc., HealthMont of Missouri, Inc., HealthMont, LLC, HealthMont of Missouri, LLC, SunLink Services, Inc., Optima Healthcare Corporation, and Residential Properties, Inc., and Residential Funding Corporation dated October 15, 2004 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.74 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated October 21, 2004).
- 10.15 Form of Term Loan A Note between SunLink Health Systems, Inc., SunLink Healthcare LLC, Dexter Hospital, LLC, Clanton Hospital, LLC, Southern Healthcare Corporation of Ellijay, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Dahlonaga, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Houston, Inc., HealthMont, Inc., HealthMont of Georgia, Inc., HealthMont of Missouri, Inc., HealthMont, LLC, HealthMont of Missouri, LLC, SunLink Services, Inc., Optima Healthcare Corporation, and KRUG Properties, Inc., and Residential Funding Corporation dated October 15, 2004 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.75 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated October 21, 2004).
- 10.16 Form of Term Loan B Note between SunLink Health Systems, Inc., SunLink Healthcare LLC, Dexter Hospital, LLC, Clanton Hospital, LLC, Southern Healthcare Corporation of Ellijay, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Dahlonaga, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Houston, Inc., HealthMont, Inc., HealthMont of Georgia, Inc., HealthMont of Missouri, Inc., HealthMont, LLC, HealthMont of Missouri, LLC, SunLink Services, Inc., Optima Healthcare Corporation, and KRUG Properties, Inc., and Residential Funding Corporation dated October 15, 2004 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.76 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated October 21, 2004).
- 10.17 Form of Security Agreement between SunLink Health Systems, Inc., SunLink Healthcare LLC, Dexter Hospital, LLC, Clanton Hospital, LLC, Southern Healthcare Corporation of Ellijay, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Dahlonaga, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Houston, Inc., HealthMont, Inc., HealthMont of Georgia, Inc., HealthMont of Missouri, Inc., HealthMont, LLC, HealthMont of Missouri, LLC, SunLink Services, Inc., Optima Healthcare Corporation, and KRUG Properties, Inc., and Residential Funding Corporation dated October 15, 2004 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.77 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated October 21, 2004).
- 10.18 Form of Pledge Agreement between SunLink Health Systems, Inc., SunLink Healthcare LLC, Dexter Hospital, LLC, Clanton Hospital, LLC, Southern Healthcare Corporation of Ellijay, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Dahlonaga, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Houston, Inc., HealthMont, Inc., HealthMont of Georgia, Inc., HealthMont of Missouri, Inc., HealthMont, LLC, HealthMont of Missouri, LLC, SunLink Services, Inc., Optima Healthcare Corporation, and KRUG Properties, Inc., and Residential Funding Corporation dated October 15, 2004 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.78 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated October 21, 2004).
- 10.19 Stock Purchase Agreement among SunLink Homecare Services, LLC, Carmichael's Cashway Pharmacy, Inc., Theodore S. Carmichael and Judy Chiasson Carmichael dated April 22, 2008 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.28 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated April 29, 2008).
- 10.20\* Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated July 1, 2005, between Harry R. Alvis and SunLink Health Systems, Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 99.1 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated December 8, 2005).
- 10.21\* Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated July 1, 2005, between Robert M. Thornton, Jr. and SunLink Health Systems, Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 99.1 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated December 23, 2005).

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- 10.22 Credit Agreement between SunLink Health Systems, Inc., SunLink Healthcare LLC, Dexter Hospital LLC, Clanton Hospital LLC, Southern Health Corporation of Ellijay, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Dahlonega, LLC, Southern Health Corporation of Houston, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Jasper, Inc., HealthMont of Georgia, Inc., HealthMont, LLC, HealthMont of Missouri, LLC, SunLink Services, Inc., SunLink Homecare Services, LLC, KRUG Properties, Inc., Central Alabama Medical Associates, LLC, Dahlonega Clinic, LLC, Carmichael s Cashway Pharmacy, Inc., Carmichael s Nutritional Distributor, Inc., Breath of Life Home Health Equipment, Inc. and Chatham Credit Management III, LLC dated April 23, 2008 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.29 of the Company s Report on Form 8-K dated April 29, 2008).
- 10.23 2005 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 99.1 of the Company s Report on Form S-8 dated September 20, 2006).
- 10.24 Agreement of Understanding, dated June 28, 2007, between Christopher H. B. Mills and SunLink Health Systems, Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 99.2 of the Company s Report on Form 8-K dated July 16, 2007).
- 10.25 Form of Limited Consent Agreement, dated May 3, 2007, between SunLink Health Systems, Inc., SunLink Healthcare LLC, Dexter Hospital, LLC, Clanton Hospital, LLC, Southern Healthcare Corporation of Ellijay, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Dahlonega, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Houston, Inc., HealthMont, Inc., HealthMont of Georgia, Inc., HealthMont of Missouri, Inc., HealthMont, LLC, HealthMont of Missouri, LLC, SunLink Services, Inc., Optima Healthcare Corporation, and KRUG Properties, Inc., and Residential Funding Corporation, LLC. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.26 of the Company s Report on Form 10-K dated September 24, 2007).
- 10.26\* Employment Letter, dated September 30, 2002, by and between SunLink Healthcare Corp. and Jack M. Spurr, Jr. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.27 of the Company s Report on Form 10-K dated September 24, 2007).
- 10.27 Credit Agreement between SunLink Health Systems, Inc., SunLink Healthcare LLC, Dexter Hospital LLC, Clanton Hospital LLC, Southern Health Corporation of Ellijay, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Dahlonega, LLC, Southern Health Corporation of Houston, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Jasper, Inc., HealthMont of Georgia, Inc., HealthMont, LLC, HealthMont of Missouri, LLC, SunLink Services, Inc., SunLink Homecare Services, LLC, KRUG Properties, Inc., Central Alabama Medical Associates, LLC, Dahlonega Clinic, LLC, Carmichael s Cashway Pharmacy, Inc., Carmichael s Nutritional Distributor, Inc., Breath of Life Home Health Equipment, Inc. and Chatham Credit Management III, LLC and Union Bank of California, N.A. dated August 1, 2008.
- 10.28\* Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated August 29, 2008, between Harry R. Alvis and SunLink Health Systems, Inc.
- 21.1 List of Subsidiaries.
- 23.1 Consent of Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, L.L.P.
- 31.1 Chief Executive Officer s Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 31.2 Chief Financial Officer s Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 32.1 Chief Executive Officer s Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.2 Chief Financial Officer s Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

\* Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, SunLink Health Systems, Inc. has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, on this 25th day of September, 2008.

SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

By: /s/ ROBERT M. THORNTON, JR.  
Robert M. Thornton, Jr.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this Report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of SunLink Health Systems, Inc. and in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

Name	Title	Date
/s/ ROBERT M. THORNTON, JR.  Robert M. Thornton, Jr.	Director, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)	September 25, 2008
/s/ MARK J. STOCKSLAGER  Mark J. Stockslager	Chief Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer (principal accounting officer)	September 25, 2008
/s/ STEVEN J. BAILEYS, D.D.S.  Steven J. Baileys, D.D.S.	Director	September 25, 2008
/s/ KAREN B. BRENNER  Karen B. Brenner	Director	September 25, 2008
/s/ GENE E. BURLESON  Gene E. Burleson	Director	September 25, 2008
/s/ C. MICHAEL FORD  C. Michael Ford	Director	September 25, 2008
/s/ MICHAEL HALL  Michael Hall	Director	September 25, 2008
/s/ CHRISTOPHER H. B. MILLS  Christopher H. B. Mills	Director	September 25, 2008

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/s/ HOWARD E. TURNER

Director

September 25, 2008

**Howard E. Turner**

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

Board of Directors and Shareholders of

SunLink Health Systems, Inc.

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of SunLink Health Systems, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) as of June 30, 2008 and 2007 and for each of the three years in the period ended June 30, 2008 and have issued our report thereon dated September 25, 2008; such financial statements and report are included elsewhere in this Form 10-K. Our audits also included the consolidated financial statement schedules of the Company, listed in Item 15 for each of the three years in the period ended June 30, 2008. These consolidated financial statement schedules are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our audits. In our opinion, such consolidated financial statement schedules, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, present fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

/s/ Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, L.L.P.

Atlanta, Georgia

September 25, 2008

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(amounts in thousands)

Column A Allowance for Doubtful  Accounts	Column B  Balance at Beginning of Year	Column C  Charged to Cost and Expenses	Column C  Currency Translation/ Acquisition/ (Disposition)	Column D  Deductions from Reserves	Column E  Balance at End of Year
Year Ended					
June 30, 2008	\$ 10,197	\$ 22,001	\$ 1,986	\$ 20,046	\$ 14,138
Year Ended					
June 30, 2007	\$ 8,931	\$ 19,580	\$ 0	\$ 18,314	\$ 10,197
Year Ended					
June 30, 2006	\$ 7,348	\$ 14,987	\$ 0	\$ 13,404	\$ 8,931
<b>Deferred Income</b>					
<b>Tax Asset</b>					
Valuation  Allowance	Balance at Beginning of Year	Charged to Cost and Expenses	Currency Translation/ Acquisition/ (Disposition)	Deductions from Reserves	Balance at End of Year
Year Ended					
June 30, 2008	\$ 2,898	\$ (848)	\$ 0	\$ 760	\$ 2,810
Year Ended					
June 30, 2007	\$ 2,958	\$ (185)	\$ 0	\$ 125	\$ 2,898
Year Ended					
June 30, 2006	\$ 3,094	\$ (153)	\$ 0	\$ (17)	\$ 2,958

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- 2.1 Asset Purchase Agreement, dated April 9, 2004, by and among Piedmont Mountainside Hospital, Inc., Piedmont Medical Center, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Jasper, Inc., Southern Health Corporation, SunLink Healthcare Corp. and SunLink Health Systems, Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 2.1 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated April 14, 2004).
- 3.1 Amended Articles of Incorporation of SunLink Health Systems, Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2001).
- 3.2 Code of Regulations of SunLink Health Systems, Inc., as amended (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.2 of the Company's Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2001).
- 3.3 Certificate of Amendment to Amend Article Fourth of the Amended Articles of Incorporation of SunLink Health Systems, Inc. dated February 13, 2004 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Report on Form 10-Q dated February 17, 2004).
- 4.1 Shareholder Rights Agreement dated as of February 8, 2004, between SunLink Health Systems, Inc. and Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Rights Agent (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated February 10, 2004).
- 10.1\* 1995 Incentive Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.3 of the Company's Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 1996).
- 10.2 Rent Review Memorandum between Rootmead Limited, Beldray Limited and KRUG International (UK) Limited dated August 30, 2000 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Report on Form 10-Q dated September 30, 2001).
- 10.3 Counterpart/Reversionary Lease between Rootmead Limited, Beldray Limited and KRUG International (UK) Limited dated August 30, 2000 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's Report on Form 10-Q dated September 30, 2001).
- 10.4 Pre-emption Agreement between Rootmead Limited, Beldray Limited and KRUG International (UK) Limited dated August 30, 2000 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.3 of the Company's Report on Form 10-Q dated September 30, 2001).
- 10.5 Lease between Barton Industrial Park Limited, Beldray Limited and Butterfield-Harvey Limited dated June 8, 1979 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.4 of the Company's Report on Form 10-Q dated September 30, 2001).
- 10.6\* 2001 Long-Term Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.5 of the Company's Report on Form 10-Q dated September 30, 2001).
- 10.7\* 2001 Outside Directors' Stock Ownership and Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.6 of the Company's Report on Form 10-Q dated September 30, 2001).
- 10.8 Agreement relating to the sale and purchase of the whole of the issued share capital of Beldray Limited dated 30 August, 2001, between Bradley International Holdings Limited and Marshall Cooper and John Clegg (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated October 15, 2001).
- 10.9 Variation relating to the sale and purchase of the whole of the issued share capital of Beldray Limited dated 30 August, 2001, dated 3 October, 2001, between Bradley International Holdings Limited and Marshall Cooper and John Clegg (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated October 15, 2001).
- 10.10\* Employment Agreement, dated May 13, 2008, between SunLink Homecare Services, LLC and George D. Shaunnessy (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.30 of SunLink's Form 8-K dated May 19, 2008).



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- 10.11\* Employment Letter, dated April 30, 2001, by and between SunLink Health Systems, Inc. and Mark Stockslager (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.29 of SunLink's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2005).
- 10.12\* Employment Letter, dated February 1, 2001, by and between SunLink Healthcare Corp. and Jerome Orth (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.30 of SunLink's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2005).
- 10.13 Credit Agreement between SunLink Health Systems, Inc., SunLink Healthcare LLC, Dexter Hospital, LLC, Clanton Hospital, LLC, Southern Healthcare Corporation of Ellijay, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Dahlonaga, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Houston, Inc., HealthMont, Inc., HealthMont of Georgia, Inc., HealthMont of Missouri, Inc., HealthMont, LLC, HealthMont of Missouri, LLC, SunLink Services, Inc., Optima Healthcare Corporation, and KRUG Properties, Inc., and Residential Funding Corporation dated October 15, 2004 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.73 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated October 21, 2004).
- 10.14 Form of Revolving Note between SunLink Health Systems, Inc., SunLink Healthcare LLC, Dexter Hospital, LLC, Clanton Hospital, LLC, Southern Healthcare Corporation of Ellijay, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Dahlonaga, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Houston, Inc., HealthMont, Inc., HealthMont of Georgia, Inc., HealthMont of Missouri, Inc., HealthMont, LLC, HealthMont of Missouri, LLC, SunLink Services, Inc., Optima Healthcare Corporation, and KRUG Properties, Inc., and Residential Funding Corporation dated October 15, 2004 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.74 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated October 21, 2004).
- 10.15 Form of Term Loan A Note between SunLink Health Systems, Inc., SunLink Healthcare LLC, Dexter Hospital, LLC, Clanton Hospital, LLC, Southern Healthcare Corporation of Ellijay, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Dahlonaga, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Houston, Inc., HealthMont, Inc., HealthMont of Georgia, Inc., HealthMont of Missouri, Inc., HealthMont, LLC, HealthMont of Missouri, LLC, SunLink Services, Inc., Optima Healthcare Corporation, and KRUG Properties, Inc., and Residential Funding Corporation dated October 15, 2004 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.75 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated October 21, 2004).
- 10.16 Form of Term Loan B Note between SunLink Health Systems, Inc., SunLink Healthcare LLC, Dexter Hospital, LLC, Clanton Hospital, LLC, Southern Healthcare Corporation of Ellijay, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Dahlonaga, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Houston, Inc., HealthMont, Inc., HealthMont of Georgia, Inc., HealthMont of Missouri, Inc., HealthMont, LLC, HealthMont of Missouri, LLC, SunLink Services, Inc., Optima Healthcare Corporation, and KRUG Properties, Inc., and Residential Funding Corporation dated October 15, 2004 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.76 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated October 21, 2004).
- 10.17 Form of Security Agreement between SunLink Health Systems, Inc., SunLink Healthcare LLC, Dexter Hospital, LLC, Clanton Hospital, LLC, Southern Healthcare Corporation of Ellijay, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Dahlonaga, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Houston, Inc., HealthMont, Inc., HealthMont of Georgia, Inc., HealthMont of Missouri, Inc., HealthMont, LLC, HealthMont of Missouri, LLC, SunLink Services, Inc., Optima Healthcare Corporation, and KRUG Properties, Inc., and Residential Funding Corporation dated October 15, 2004 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.77 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated October 21, 2004).
- 10.18 Form of Pledge Agreement between SunLink Health Systems, Inc., SunLink Healthcare LLC, Dexter Hospital, LLC, Clanton Hospital, LLC, Southern Healthcare Corporation of Ellijay, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Dahlonaga, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Houston, Inc., HealthMont, Inc., HealthMont of Georgia, Inc., HealthMont of Missouri, Inc., HealthMont, LLC, HealthMont of Missouri, LLC, SunLink Services, Inc., Optima Healthcare Corporation, and KRUG Properties, Inc., and Residential Funding Corporation dated October 15, 2004 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.78 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated October 21, 2004).

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- 10.19 Stock Purchase Agreement among SunLink Homecare Services, LLC, Carmichael s Cashway Pharmacy, Inc., Theodore S. Carmichael and Judy Chiasson Carmichael dated April 22, 2008 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.28 of the Company s Report on Form 8-K dated April 29, 2008).
- 10.20\* Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated July 1, 2005, between Harry R. Alvis and SunLink Health Systems, Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 99.1 of the Company s Report on Form 8-K dated December 8, 2005).
- 10.21\* Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated July 1, 2005, between Robert M. Thornton, Jr. and SunLink Health Systems, Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 99.1 of the Company s Report on Form 8-K dated December 23, 2005).
- 10.22 Credit Agreement between SunLink Health Systems, Inc., SunLink Healthcare LLC, Dexter Hospital LLC, Clanton Hospital LLC, Southern Health Corporation of Ellijay, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Dahlonga, LLC, Southern Health Corporation of Houston, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Jasper, Inc., HealthMont of Georgia, Inc., HealthMont, LLC, HealthMont of Missouri, LLC, SunLink Services, Inc., SunLink Homecare Services, LLC, KRUG Properties, Inc., Central Alabama Medical Associates, LLC, Dahlonga Clinic, LLC, Carmichael s Cashway Pharmacy, Inc., Carmichael s Nutritional Distributor, Inc., Breath of Life Home Health Equipment, Inc. and Chatham Credit Management III, LLC dated April 23, 2008 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.29 of the Company s Report on Form 8-K dated April 29, 2008).
- 10.23 2005 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 99.1 of the Company s Report on Form S-8 dated September 20, 2006).
- 10.24 Agreement of Understanding, dated June 28, 2007, between Christopher H. B. Mills and SunLink Health Systems, Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 99.2 of the Company s Report on Form 8-K dated July 16, 2007).
- 10.25 Form of Limited Consent Agreement, dated May 3, 2007, between SunLink Health Systems, Inc., SunLink Healthcare LLC, Dexter Hospital, LLC, Clanton Hospital, LLC, Southern Healthcare Corporation of Ellijay, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Dahlonga, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Houston, Inc., HealthMont, Inc., HealthMont of Georgia, Inc., HealthMont of Missouri, Inc., HealthMont, LLC, HealthMont of Missouri, LLC, SunLink Services, Inc., Optima Healthcare Corporation, and KRUG Properties, Inc., and Residential Funding Corporation, LLC. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.26 of the Company s Report on Form 10-K dated September 24, 2007).
- 10.26\* Employment Letter, dated September 30, 2002, by and between SunLink Healthcare Corp. and Jack M. Spurr, Jr. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.27 of the Company s Report on Form 10-K dated September 24, 2007).
- 10.27 Credit Agreement between SunLink Health Systems, Inc., SunLink Healthcare LLC, Dexter Hospital LLC, Clanton Hospital LLC, Southern Health Corporation of Ellijay, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Dahlonga, LLC, Southern Health Corporation of Houston, Inc., Southern Health Corporation of Jasper, Inc., HealthMont of Georgia, Inc., HealthMont, LLC, HealthMont of Missouri, LLC, SunLink Services, Inc., SunLink Homecare Services, LLC, KRUG Properties, Inc., Central Alabama Medical Associates, LLC, Dahlonga Clinic, LLC, Carmichael s Cashway Pharmacy, Inc., Carmichael s Nutritional Distributor, Inc., Breath of Life Home Health Equipment, Inc. and Chatham Credit Management III, LLC and Union Bank of California, N.A. dated August 1, 2008.
- 10.28\* Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated August 29, 2008, between Harry R. Alvis and SunLink Health Systems, Inc.
- 21.1 List of Subsidiaries.
- 23.1 Consent of Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, L.L.P.

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- 31.1 Chief Executive Officer's Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 31.2 Chief Financial Officer's Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 32.1 Chief Executive Officer's Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.2 Chief Financial Officer's Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

\* Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

Board of Directors and Shareholders of

SunLink Health Systems, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of SunLink Health Systems, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of June 30, 2008 and 2007 and the related consolidated statements of operations, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended June 30, 2008. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Company and subsidiaries as of June 30, 2008 and 2007, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended June 30, 2008, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, L.L.P.

Atlanta, Georgia

September 25, 2008

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	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,716	\$ 814
Receivables net	20,052	14,537
Inventory	4,711	2,826
Deferred income tax asset	5,449	4,672
Prepaid expenses and other	3,244	2,930
Total current assets	35,172	25,779
<b>PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT At cost</b>		
Land	2,256	2,256
Buildings and improvements	32,322	28,813
Equipment and fixtures	36,627	31,108
	71,205	62,177
Less accumulated depreciation	19,985	14,854
Property, plant, and equipment net	51,220	47,323
<b>NONCURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Intangible assets net	13,427	863
Goodwill	9,453	2,944
Pension asset	136	216
Other noncurrent assets	2,216	718
Total noncurrent assets	25,232	4,741
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 111,624</b>	<b>\$ 77,843</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 8,691	\$ 8,512
Revolving advances	3,900	4,700
Third-party payor settlements	1,664	3,668
Current maturities of long-term debt	1,844	875
Current maturities of subordinated long-term debt	150	
Accrued payroll and related taxes	6,012	4,748
Income taxes	555	82
Current liabilities of Mountainside Medical Center	600	599
Accrued employee medical claims	643	596
Other accrued expenses	3,010	2,875

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Total current liabilities	27,069	26,655
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:		
Long-term debt	33,118	7,661
Subordinated long-term debt	2,850	
Noncurrent deferred income tax liabilities	3,132	2,927
Noncurrent liability for professional liability risks	2,506	2,415
Other noncurrent liabilities	2,090	2,161
Total long-term liabilities	43,696	15,164
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES		
Minority Interest	615	
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
Preferred Shares, authorized and unissued, 2,000 shares		
Common Shares, no par value; authorized, 12,000 shares; issued and outstanding, 7,850, shares at June 30, 2008 and 7,510 shares at June 30, 2007	3,966	3,755
Additional paid-in capital	11,310	8,904
Retained earnings	25,551	23,941
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(583)	(576)
Total shareholders' equity	40,244	36,024
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 111,624	\$ 77,843

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

**Index to Financial Statements****SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS****FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008, 2007 AND 2006****(All amounts in thousands, except per share amounts)**

	<b>June 30, 2008</b>	<b>Years Ended June 30, 2007</b>	<b>June 30, 2006</b>
Net revenues	\$ 158,431	\$ 143,645	\$ 135,576
Costs and Expenses:			
Cost of goods sold	4,571		
Salaries, wages and benefits	73,852	70,475	67,037
Provision for bad debts	22,013	19,580	14,987
Supplies	14,615	15,479	14,275
Purchased services	9,961	9,081	8,687
Other operating expenses	19,872	17,424	17,111
Rents and leases expense	2,630	2,792	2,452
Depreciation and amortization	5,512	4,400	3,400
	153,026	139,231	127,949
Operating profit	5,405	4,414	7,627
Other income (expense):			
Interest expense	(2,114)	(1,462)	(1,146)
Interest income	72	69	75
Loss on early repayment of debt	(267)		
Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes	3,096	3,021	6,556
Income tax expense	1,087	1,444	2,375
Earnings from continuing operations	2,009	1,577	4,181
Loss from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	(393)	(181)	(272)
Net earnings	\$ 1,616	\$ 1,396	\$ 3,909
Earnings per share:			
Continuing operations:			
Basic	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.58
Diluted	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.53
Discontinued operations:			
Basic	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.04)
Diluted	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.03)
Net earnings:			
Basic	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.54

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Diluted	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.50
Weighted-average common shares outstanding:			
Basic	7,605	7,397	7,258
Diluted	7,855	7,810	7,858

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## SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY

FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008, 2007 AND 2006

(All amounts in thousands)

	Common Shares		Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Shareholders Equity
	Shares	Amount				
JUNE 30, 2005	7,198	3,599	7,589	18,636	(523)	29,301
Net earnings				3,909		3,909
Foreign currency translation adjustment					(59)	(59)
Minimum pension liability adjustment, net of tax of \$174					338	338
Total comprehensive income						4,188
Share-based compensation			577			577
Common shares issued	117	59	227			286
JUNE 30, 2006	7,315	3,658	8,393	22,545	(244)	34,352
Net earnings				1,396		1,396
Foreign currency translation adjustment					(95)	(95)
Minimum pension liability adjustment, net of tax of \$143					(237)	(237)
Total comprehensive income						1,064
Share-based compensation			353			353
Common shares issued including tax benefits	195	97	158			255
JUNE 30, 2007	7,510	3,755	8,904	23,941	(576)	36,024
Net earnings				1,616		1,616
Cumulative effect of FIN 48 implementation				(6)		(6)
Foreign currency translation adjustment					12	12
Minimum pension liability adjustment, net of tax of \$12					(19)	(19)
Total comprehensive income						1,603
Share-based compensation			477			477
Common shares issued	422	211	1,929			2,140
JUNE 30, 2008	7,932	\$ 3,966	\$ 11,310	\$ 25,551	\$ (583)	\$ 40,244

See notes to consolidated financial statements.



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	<b>June 30, 2008</b>	<b>Years Ended June 30, 2007</b>	<b>June 30, 2006</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Net earnings	\$ 1,616	\$ 1,396	\$ 3,909
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	5,512	4,400	3,400
Stock-based compensation	477	362	633
Deferred income taxes	(572)	(379)	(155)
Non cash loss on early repayment of debt	267		
Change in assets and liabilities:			
Receivables	(464)	1,958	(1,946)
Inventory	(17)	(249)	(227)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	307	(498)	(1,136)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(2,899)	(1,267)	350
Income taxes	(472)	(178)	(885)
Third-party payor settlements	(2,004)	148	(68)
Net cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations	(71)	(944)	631
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,680	4,749	4,506
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Acquisition, less cash acquired	(18,811)		
Expenditures for property, plant, and equipment	(8,337)	(9,037)	(8,012)
Proceeds from sale of minority interest	615		
Net cash used in investing activities	(26,533)	(9,037)	(8,012)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Proceeds from issuance of common shares	139	246	231
New long term debt	35,000		
Payment of long-term debt continuing operations	(8,584)	(928)	(922)
Revolving advances, net	(800)	4,700	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	25,755	4,018	(691)
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>(270)</b>	<b>(4,197)</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:</b>			
Beginning of year	814	1,084	5,281
End of year	\$ 1,716	\$ 814	\$ 1,084
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:</b>			
Cash paid for:			
Income taxes	\$ 904	\$ 1,725	\$ 3,273
Interest, net of amounts capitalized	\$ 1,978	\$ 1,423	\$ 1,136

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## Noncash investing and financing activities

Assets acquired under capital lease obligations	\$	\$ 72	\$ 272
Subordinated debt issued for acquisition	\$ 3,000	\$	\$
Common shares issued for acquisition	\$ 2,000	\$	\$
Property, plant and equipment acquired but not yet paid	\$	\$ 1,382	\$

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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**SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008, 2007 AND 2006**

**(All amounts in thousands, except share and per share amounts)**

**1. BUSINESS OPERATIONS AND CORPORATE STRATEGY**

**Business Operations**

SunLink Health Systems, Inc. ( SunLink , we , our , ours , us or the Company ) is a provider of healthcare services in certain rural and markets in the United States. SunLink s business is composed of two business segments:

Healthcare Facilities, which consists of

Our seven community hospitals which have a total of 402 licensed beds;

Our three nursing homes, each of which is located in adjacent to a corresponding SunLink community hospital which have a total of 261 licensed beds; and

Our four home health agencies each of which operates for a corresponding SunLink community hospital.

Specialty Pharmacy, which consists of

Specialty pharmacy services;

Durable medical equipment;

Institutional pharmacy services; and

Retail pharmacy products and services, all of which are conducted in rural markets.

SunLink has conducted its healthcare facilities business since 2001 and its specialty pharmacy operations since April 2008. Our Specialty Pharmacy Segment is operated through SunLink ScriptsRx, LLC and is composed of a specialty pharmacy business acquired in April 2008 with four service lines.

Strategy

SunLink's business strategy for our healthcare facilities is to focus our efforts on internal growth of our seven hospitals and three nursing homes, supplemented by growth from selected rural and exurban healthcare facility acquisitions, including but not limited to hospitals, nursing homes and home health agencies. During the year ended June 30, 2008, we concentrated our healthcare facilities efforts on the operations and improvement of our existing hospitals. During the current fiscal year, we have evaluated certain rural and exurban hospitals and healthcare facilities, which were for sale and monitored other selected rural and exurban healthcare acquisition targets we believed might become available for sale. We continue to engage in similar evaluation and monitoring activities with respect to rural and exurban hospitals and healthcare facilities, which are or may become available for acquisition.

Our hospital facilities operations efforts are focused on internal growth, with our primary operational strategy being to improve the profitability of our hospitals by reducing out-migration of patients, recruiting physicians, expanding services and implementing and maintaining effective cost controls.

Our acquisition strategy for our pharmacy business is to acquire such business in rural or exurban markets where the acquisition is complementary to our existing pharmacy services and in new rural and exurban markets where the scale of the acquisition is sufficient to provide a foundation to grow Specialty Pharmacy in that area.

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**SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

*Strategic Alternatives*

On November 8, 2007, we announced that we had received an unsolicited conditional acquisition proposal from Resurgence Health Group, LLC which purported to offer a cash price of \$7.50 per share for substantially all the outstanding shares of SunLink, subject to a number of conditions. On January 16, 2008, we announced that we had retained Stephens Inc. for the purpose of advising our Board of Directors in connection with an evaluation of the Company's strategic alternatives, including, among others, the proposal by Resurgence Health Group, LLC. Since retaining Stephens, SunLink has explored a number of strategic alternatives, none of which to date has been judged by our Board to be superior in terms of price and execution risk to continuing as an independent company and pursuing SunLink's existing business plans. To continue the evaluation on an on-going basis, the Board has formed a standing Strategic Alternatives Committee of the Board of Directors to, among other things, conduct periodic evaluations of the Company's strategic alternatives. Investors are cautioned that no inference should be drawn from the existence of such committee and its charter with respect to the probability that the Company will engage in any transaction as a result of the periodic evaluation of strategic alternatives, including with respect to any proposal previously submitted or which in the future may be re-submitted or newly presented to the Company.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Principles of Consolidation** The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of SunLink and its domestic and foreign subsidiaries, all of which are 100% owned except for one hospital that is 83% owned. All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

**Management Estimates** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Some of the more significant estimates made by management involve reserves for adjustments to net patient service revenues, evaluation of the recoverability of assets, including accounts receivable, and the assessment of litigation and contingencies, including income taxes and related tax asset valuation allowances, all as discussed in more detail in the remainder of these notes to the consolidated financial statements. Actual results could differ materially from these estimates.

**Net Patient Service Revenue** SunLink has agreements with third-party payors that provide for payments at amounts different from established charges. Payment arrangements vary and include prospectively determined rates per discharge, reimbursed costs, discounted charges and per diem payments. Patient service revenues are reported as services are rendered at the estimated net realizable amounts from patients, third-party payors, and others. Estimated net realizable amounts are estimated based upon contracts with third-party payors, published reimbursement rates, and historical reimbursement percentages pertaining to each payor type. Estimated reductions in revenues to reflect agreements with third-party payors and estimated retroactive adjustments under such reimbursement agreements are accrued during the period the related services are rendered and are adjusted in future periods as interim and final settlements are determined. Significant changes in reimbursement levels for services under government and private programs could significantly impact the estimates used to accrue such revenue deductions. At June 30, 2008, there were no material claims or disputes with third-party payors.

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**Charity Care** SunLink provides care to patients who meet certain criteria under its charity care policy without charge or at amounts less than its established rates. Because SunLink does not pursue collection of

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amounts determined to qualify as charity, they are not reported as revenue. SunLink provided \$5,699, \$5,062, and \$2,992, of charity care in the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

***Concentrations of Credit Risk*** SunLink grants unsecured credit to its patients, most of who reside in the service area of SunLink's facilities and are insured under third-party agreements. Because of the geographic diversity of SunLink's facilities and nongovernmental third-party payors, Medicare and Medicaid accounts represent SunLink's only significant concentrations of credit risk. For SunLink's healthcare facilities segment, Medicare net revenues were approximately 42%, 40%, and 39% of net revenues for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006, respectively. For SunLink's healthcare facilities segment, Medicaid was approximately 14%, 14%, and 16% of net revenues for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006, respectively. For SunLink's healthcare facilities segment, Medicare receivables were approximately 40% of receivable net at June 30, 2008 while Medicaid receivables were approximately 17% of receivable net at the same date.

***Cash and Cash Equivalents*** Cash and cash equivalents consist of highly liquid financial instruments, which have original maturities of three months or less. Cash is deposited with commercial banks and may have deposits totaling amounts in excess of the Federally insured limits from time to time.

***Inventory*** Inventory consists of medical and pharmacy supplies. Medical supplies are valued at the lower of cost or market, using the first-in, first-out method. Pharmacy supplies are stated at the lower of cost (standard cost method), or market. Use of this method does not result in a material difference from the methods required by generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

***Allowance for Doubtful Accounts*** Substantially all of SunLink's receivables result from providing healthcare services to hospital facility patients and from providing pharmacy services and products to clients. Accounts receivable are reduced by an allowance for doubtful accounts estimated to become uncollectible in the future. For its Healthcare Facilities, the Company calculates an allowance percentage based generally upon its historical collection experience for each type of payor. The allowance amount is computed by applying allowance percentages to receivable amounts included in specific payor categories. Significant changes in reimbursement levels for services under government and private programs could significantly impact the estimates used to determine the allowance for doubtful accounts. Accounts receivable are written off after all collection efforts have failed, normally within six months of billing. For its Pharmacy Operations, the Company calculates an allowance percentage based on past credit history with customers and their current financial condition. Accounts receivable are written off against the allowance for doubtful accounts when they are deemed uncollectible.

***Property, Plant, and Equipment*** Property, plant, and equipment, including capital leases, are recorded at cost. Depreciation is recognized over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from 5 to 45 years, on a straight-line basis. Generally, furniture and fixtures are depreciated over 5 to 10 years, machinery and equipment over 10 years, and buildings over 25 to 45 years. Leasehold improvements and leased machinery and equipment are depreciated over the lease term or estimated useful life, whichever is shorter, of the asset and range from 5 to 15 years. Expenditures for major renewals and replacements are capitalized. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to operating expense as incurred. When property items are retired or otherwise disposed of, amounts applicable to such items are removed from the related asset and accumulated depreciation accounts and any resulting gain or loss is credited or charged to income. Depreciation expense totaled \$5,202, \$4,279, and \$3,373, for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

**Risk Management** SunLink is exposed to various risks of loss from medical malpractice and other claims and casualties; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; business interruption; errors and omissions;

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employee injuries and illnesses; natural disasters (including earthquakes and hurricanes); and employee health, dental and accident benefits. Commercial insurance coverage is purchased for a portion of claims arising from such matters. When, in management's judgment, claims are sufficiently identified, a liability is accrued for estimated costs and losses under such claims, net of estimated insurance recoveries.

By virtue of the acquisition of its initial six hospitals, SunLink assumed responsibility for professional liability claims reported after the February 1, 2001 acquisition date and the previous owner retained responsibility for all known and filed claims prior to the acquisition date. SunLink purchased claims-made commercial insurance for acts prior to and after the acquisition date. The recorded liability for professional liability risks includes an estimate of the liability for claims incurred prior to February 1, 2001, but reported after February 1, 2001, and for claims incurred after February 1, 2001. These amounts are based on actuarially determined amounts.

In connection with the acquisition of HealthMont and its two hospitals, SunLink assumed responsibility for all professional liability claims. HealthMont had purchased claims-made commercial insurance for claims made prior to the acquisition and SunLink purchased claims-made commercial insurance for claims made after the acquisition. The recorded liability for professional liability risks includes an estimate of liability for claims assumed at the acquisition and for claims incurred after the acquisition. These amounts are based on actuarially determined amounts.

The Company self-insures for workers' compensation risk. The estimated liability for workers' compensation risk includes estimates of the ultimate costs for both reported claims and claims incurred but not reported. The Company was self-insured for employee health risks until October 1, 2005 when a fully-insured employee health insurance plan was entered into.

The Company accrues an estimate of losses resulting from workers' compensation and professional liability claims to the extent they are not covered by insurance. These accruals are estimated quarterly based upon management's review of claims reported and historical loss data.

The Company records a liability pertaining to pending litigation if it is probable a loss has been incurred and accrues the most likely amount of loss based on the information available. If no amount within the range of losses estimated from the information available is more likely than any other amount in the range of loss, the minimum amount in the range of loss is accrued. Because of uncertainties surrounding the nature of litigation and the ultimate liability to SunLink, if any, we revise estimated losses as additional facts become known.

**Long-lived Assets** SunLink periodically assesses the recoverability of assets based on its expectations of future profitability and the undiscounted cash flows of the related operations and, when circumstances dictate, adjusts the carrying value of the asset to estimated fair value. These factors, along with management's plans with respect to the operations, are considered in assessing the recoverability of long-lived assets.

**Goodwill** SunLink accounts for goodwill from business combinations in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*. Goodwill represents the cost of acquired businesses in excess of fair value of identifiable

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tangible and intangible net assets purchased. SFAS No. 142 recognizes that goodwill has an indefinite life and is not subject to periodic amortization. However, goodwill is tested at least annually for impairment, using a fair value methodology, in lieu of amortization. Definite-life intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives, generally for periods ranging from 2 to 30 years. SunLink evaluates the reasonableness of the useful lives of intangible assets and they are tested for impairment as conditions warrant according to SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets.

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**Income Taxes** SunLink accounts for income taxes in accordance with SFAS No. 109, *Accounting for Income Taxes*. SFAS No. 109 requires an asset and liability approach and the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for expected future tax consequences. SFAS No. 109 generally requires consideration of all expected future events other than proposed enactments of changes in the income tax law or rates. When management determines, using factors identified in SFAS No. 109, that it is more likely than not that a portion of or none of the net deferred tax asset will be realized through future taxable earnings or implementation of tax planning strategies, management provides a valuation allowance for the portion not expected to be realized.

**Share-Based Compensation** The Company issues common share options to key employees and directors under various shareholder-approved plans. Prior to July 1, 2005, the Company accounted for its share-based employee compensation under the measurement and recognition provisions of Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees* and related Interpretations, as permitted by SFAS No. 123 *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*. The Company did not record any share-based employee compensation expense for options granted under its option plans prior to July 1, 2005, as all options granted under these plans had exercise prices equal to the fair market value of the Company's common shares on the date of grant. Effective July 1, 2005, the Company adopted SFAS No. 123 (R) *Share-Based Payment*, using the modified prospective transition method. Under that transition method, compensation expense that the Company recognizes beginning on July 1, 2005, includes: (i) compensation expense for all share options granted prior to, but not yet vested as of, July 1, 2005, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the original provisions of SFAS No. 123; and (ii) compensation expense for share options granted on or after July 1, 2005, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 123(R). Results for prior periods are not required nor have they been restated for the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R). Share-based compensation expense of \$477 and \$353 for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, was recorded in salaries, wages and benefits expense for share options issued to employees and directors of the Company in accordance with SFAS No. 123(R). The fair value of the share options was estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The historical volatility is used to calculate the estimated volatility in this model.

**Fair Value of Financial Instruments** The recorded values of cash, receivables, and payables approximate their fair values because of the relatively short maturity of these instruments. Similarly, the fair value of SunLink's long-term debt is estimated to approximate its recorded values due to its relatively short maturity period—seven years.

**Earnings (Loss) per Share** Earnings (loss) per common share is based on the weighted-average number of common shares and dilutive common share equivalents outstanding for each period presented, including vested and unvested shares issued under SunLink's 1995 Incentive Stock Option Plan, 2001 Long-Term Stock Option Plan, 2001 Outside Directors' Stock Ownership and Stock Option Plan, 2005 Equity Incentive Plan and any outstanding share purchase warrants issued by SunLink. Common share equivalents represent the dilutive effect of the assumed exercise of the outstanding stock options and warrants.

**Recent Accounting Standards** In February 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 155, *Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments—an amendment of FASB Statements No. 133 and 140*, which simplifies accounting for certain hybrid financial instruments by permitting fair value remeasurement for any hybrid instrument that contains an embedded derivative that otherwise would require bifurcation and eliminates a restriction on the passive derivative instruments that a qualifying special-purpose entity may hold. SFAS No. 155 is effective for all financial instruments acquired, issued or subject to a remeasurement (new basis) event occurring after the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after September 15, 2006. The Company adopted SFAS No. 155 at the beginning of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. There was no effect on the consolidated statement of earnings from the adoption of this statement.

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In March 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 156, *Accounting for Servicing of Financial Assets* an amendment of FASB Statement No. 140, which establishes, among other things, the accounting for all separately recognized servicing assets and servicing liabilities by requiring that all separately recognized servicing assets and servicing liabilities be initially measured at fair value, if practicable, and permits the entity to choose either the amortization method or fair value method for subsequent measurement. SFAS No. 156 is effective as of the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after September 15, 2006. The Company adopted SFAS No. 156 at the beginning of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. There was no effect on the consolidated statement of earnings from the adoption of this statement.

In June 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48 (FIN 48), *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes* an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109, which establishes that the financial statement effects of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return are to be recognized in the financial statements when it is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, that the position will be sustained upon examination. This Interpretation is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006.

The Company adopted the provisions of FIN 48 on July 1, 2007. It requires that a change in judgment related to prior years' tax positions be recognized in the quarter of such change. As a result of the implementation of FIN 48, the Company recognized a liability for unrecognized tax benefits in the amount of \$58 which was accounted for as the creation of a deferred tax asset as of July 1, 2007. A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amounts of unrecognized tax benefits is as follows:

Balance at July 1, 2007	\$ 58
Additions based on tax positions related to current year	23
Additions for tax positions of prior years	
Reductions for tax positions of prior years	(23)
Settlements	
Balance at June 30, 2008	\$ 58

The Company or one of its subsidiaries files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, and various states and foreign jurisdictions. The Company is currently subject to a U.S. federal income tax examination for one tax year. Except for this examination, the Company is not subject to any current U.S. federal, state or local, or non-U.S. income tax examinations by tax authorities for any tax years. We believe that there is no tax jurisdiction in which the outcome of unresolved issues or claims is likely to be material to our financial position, cash flows or results of operations. We further believe that we have made adequate provision for all income tax uncertainties.

At July 1, 2007, our unrecognized tax benefits, the aggregate tax effect of differences between tax return positions and the benefits recognized in our financial statements as shown above, amounted to \$58. This amount remained unchanged during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 at \$58. If recognized, all of our unrecognized tax benefits would not reduce our income tax expense or effective tax rate except as such recognition related to the removal of the liability associated with interest classified as income tax expense. During 2008, certain factors could potentially reduce our unrecognized tax benefits, either because of the expiration of open statutes of limitation or modifications to our intercompany accounting policies and procedures. Of these tax positions, none relate to positions that would affect our total tax provision or effective tax rate (except as such recognition related to the removal of the liability associated with interest classified as income tax expense).

We classify interest on tax deficiencies as tax expense and also classify income tax penalties as tax expense. At July 1, 2007, before any tax benefits, our accrued interest on unrecognized tax benefits amounted to \$6 and

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we had recorded no related accrued penalties. The amount of accrued interest increased by \$4 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 to \$10.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*, which establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. SFAS No. 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is currently evaluating the effect of adopting SFAS No. 157 on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*, which provides companies with an option to report selected financial assets and liabilities at fair value. It also establishes presentation and disclosure requirements designed to facilitate comparisons between companies that choose different measurement attributes for similar types of assets and liabilities. SFAS No. 159 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is currently evaluating the effect of adopting SFAS No. 159 on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In March 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141R, *Business Combinations*, which is intended to improve, simplify, and converge internationally the accounting for business combinations and the reporting of noncontrolling interests in consolidated financial statements. Under SFAS No. 141R, an acquiring entity will be required to recognize all the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a transaction at the acquisition-date fair value with limited exceptions. SFAS No. 141R includes a substantial number of new disclosure requirements. SFAS No. 141R applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008. Earlier adoption is prohibited. The Company will comply with the new SFAS No. 141R requirements for any future business combination transactions.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, *Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements: an Amendment of ARB No. 51*, which establishes new accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. SFAS No. 160 is intended to improve the relevance, comparability, and transparency of financial information provided to investors by requiring all entities to report noncontrolling (minority) interests in subsidiaries in the same way as equity in the consolidated financial statements. SFAS No. 160 includes expanded disclosure requirements regarding the interests of the parent and its noncontrolling interest. SFAS No. 160 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning on or after December 15, 2008. Earlier adoption is prohibited. The Company is currently evaluating the effect of adopting SFAS No. 160 on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161 *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities: an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133*, which requires enhanced disclosures about an entity's derivative and hedging activities and thereby improves the transparency of financial reporting. SFAS No. 161 is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008, with early application encouraged. This Statement encourages, but does not require, comparative disclosures for earlier periods at initial adoption. The Company is currently evaluating the effect of adopting SFAS No. 161 on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

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In April 2008, the FASB issued FSP No. FAS 142-3, *Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets*. This FSP amends the factors that should be considered in developing renewal or extension assumptions used to determine the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under SFAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*. The Company is required to adopt FSP 142-3 on September 1, 2009, earlier adoption is prohibited. The guidance in FSP 142-3 for determining the useful life of a recognized intangible asset shall be applied prospectively to intangible assets acquired after adoption, and the disclosure requirements shall be applied prospectively to all intangible assets recognized as of, and subsequent to, adoption. The Company is currently evaluating the effect of FSP 142-3 on its consolidated statements.

In May 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 162, *Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* (SFAS 162). This statement is intended to improve financial reporting by identifying a consistent framework, or hierarchy, for selecting accounting principles to be used in preparing financial statements of nongovernmental entities that are presented in conformity with GAAP. This statement will be effective 60 days following the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board amendment to AU Section 411, *The Meaning of Present Fairly in Conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*. The adoption of this Statement is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

**Reclassifications** Certain amounts in prior periods' consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation.

### 3. CARMICHAEL'S CASHWAY PHARMACY ACQUISITION

On April 22, 2008, SunLink acquired Carmichael's Cashway Pharmacy, Inc. (Carmichael). The Carmichael acquisition purchase price was \$24,000, consisting of \$19,000 cash, seller subordinated debt of \$3,000 and \$2,000 in SunLink shares (334 shares). Carmichael had annual revenues of approximately \$42,200 for its year ended December 31, 2007 and has been in business for over 35 years. Carmichael provides services to patients in rural communities in southwest Louisiana and eastern Texas. The operating results of Carmichael are included in our Specialty Pharmacy segment. A summary of the preliminary purchase price allocation for this acquisition is as follows:

	April 22, 2008
Current assets	\$ 7,119
Property, plant and equipment	2,159
Goodwill	6,509
Intangible assets	12,859
Other non-current assets	3
Total assets acquired	28,649
Current liabilities	3,633
Net assets acquired	25,016

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Less:	
Acquisition costs	1,016
Debt	3,000
Stock	2,000
Cash consideration	\$ 19,000

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The Carmichael Acquisition agreement includes the following provision: If the SunLink shares given as part of the purchase price are sold by Carmichael's former owner ( Seller ) on or prior to the first anniversary of the Acquisition closing date and the selling price per share is more than \$1.00 per share below the value fixed at the closing, SunLink shall pay to Seller the amount necessary to cover the deficiency less \$1.00 per share. This provision created a put option derivative for SunLink valued at \$35 at the Acquisition date. The derivative value was \$58 at June 30, 2008. The increase in value during the fiscal year was charged to interest expense.

Finite-lived identifiable assets are amortized on a straight-line basis. The following are the intangible assets acquired and their respective amortizable lives:

	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Amortizable Life</b>
Trade Name	\$ 5,400	0 years
Customer Relationships	6,400	12 years
Medicare License	769	15 years
Noncompetition Agreement	290	2 years
	<b>\$ 12,859</b>	

**Pro Forma Financial Information**

The following table presents selected unaudited financial information of our company, as if the acquisition of Carmichael had occurred on July 1, 2006. The pro forma results are derived from the historical financial results of Carmichael for all periods presented and are not necessarily indicative of the results that would have occurred had the acquisitions been consummated on July 1, 2006.

	<b>Unaudited Fiscal years ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Revenues	\$ 194,929	\$ 179,641
Earnings (loss) from Continuing Operations	1,426	(378)
Earnings (loss) per share from Continuing Operations, diluted	\$ 0.18	\$ (0.05)

**4. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS**

All of the businesses discussed below are reported as discontinued operations and the condensed consolidated financial statements for all prior periods have been adjusted to reflect this presentation.

**Housewares Segment** Beldray Limited ( Beldray ), SunLink's U.K. housewares manufacturing subsidiary, was sold on October 5, 2001 to two of its managers for nominal consideration. KRUG International U.K. Ltd. ( KRUG UK ), an inactive U.K. subsidiary of SunLink, entered into a guarantee ( the Beldray Guarantee ), at a time when it owned Beldray. The Beldray Guarantee covers Beldray's obligations under a lease of a portion of Beldray's former manufacturing location. In October 2004, KRUG UK received correspondence from the landlord of such facility stating that the rent payment of 94,000 British pounds (\$181) for the fourth quarter of 2004 had not been paid by Beldray and requesting payment of such amount pursuant to the Beldray Guarantee. In January 2005, KRUG UK received further correspondence from the landlord demanding two quarterly rent payments totaling 188,000 British pounds (\$362) under the Beldray Guarantee. In January 2005, the landlord filed a petition in the High Court of Justice Chancery Division to wind up KRUG UK under the provisions of the Insolvency Act of 1986 and KRUG UK was placed into involuntary liquidation by the High

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Court in February 2005. After that date, the court-appointed liquidator of KRUG UK has made certain inquiries to SunLink regarding the activities of KRUG UK prior to the liquidation to which SunLink responded.

On August 6, 2007, the liquidator of KRUG UK made an application in the Birmingham County Court in Birmingham, England, in which the liquidator is seeking a declaration by the court that a transfer of certain funds in 2001 from KRUG UK to SunLink in connection with the purchase of certain preferred stock of another subsidiary of SunLink and the making of a loan to SunLink, and certain forgiveness of debt to SunLink by KRUG UK was improper, among other things, as KRUG UK was then effectively insolvent and that the approval of such transfers by the then directors of KRUG UK resulted in a breach of their fiduciary duties. The liquidator seeks to have the court order the former directors or, in the alternative, the Company, to account for, repay or restore such funds plus interest to the liquidator of KRUG UK. On December 4, 2007, the case went to mediation and the mediation was adjourned pending the liquidator's investigations into the circumstances surrounding items raised by both parties. In connection with the allegations in the application of breach of fiduciary duty by the directors of KRUG UK in approving such transfer of funds, SunLink has indemnification obligations to the former directors of KRUG UK. SunLink denies any liability to KRUG UK other than to it in Krug UK's status as a preferred stockholder and for the unpaid balance on the promissory note. SunLink, through its United Kingdom counsel, intends to vigorously defend against the liquidator's claims. See the Legal Proceedings subsection in Note 12 Commitments and Contingencies which follows for additional disclosure of the application.

SunLink's non-current liability reserves for discontinued operations at June 30, 2008, included a reserve for a portion of the Beldray Guarantee, which would include certain amounts sought pursuant to the application made by the liquidator of KRUG UK. Such reserve was based upon management's estimate, after consultation with its property consultants and legal counsel, of the cost to satisfy the Beldray Guarantee in light of KRUG UK's limited assets and before taking into account any other claims against KRUG UK. The maximum potential obligation of KRUG UK for rent under the Beldray Guarantee is estimated to be approximately \$8,400. SunLink expensed \$306 in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 on legal costs to defend against the claim. As a result of this claim and the U.K. liquidation proceedings against KRUG UK, SunLink expects KRUG UK to be wound-up in liquidation in the UK and has fully reserved for any assets of KRUG UK.

**Mountainside Medical Center** On June 1, 2004, SunLink completed the sale of its Mountainside Medical Center (Mountainside) hospital in Jasper, Georgia, for approximately \$40,000 pursuant to the terms of an asset sale agreement. Under the terms of the agreement, SunLink sold the operations of Mountainside, which included substantially all the property, plant and equipment and the supplies inventory. SunLink retained Mountainside's working capital except for supplies inventory. The retained liabilities of Mountainside are shown in current liabilities of Mountainside Medical Center on the consolidated balance sheet. The pre-tax losses in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 with respect to the former Mountainside operations resulted primarily from legal expenses related to a claim made by the buyer of Mountainside and a counterclaim made by SunLink. See the Legal Proceedings subsection in Note 14 Commitments and Contingencies which follows for additional disclosure of the claims.

**Life Sciences and Engineering Segment** SunLink retained a defined benefit retirement plan which covered substantially all of the employees of this segment when it was sold in fiscal 1998. Effective February 28, 1997, the plan was amended to freeze participant benefits and close the plan to new participants. Pension expense and related tax benefit or expense is reflected in the results of operations for this segment for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006.

***Industrial Segment*** In fiscal 1989, SunLink discontinued the operations of its industrial segment and subsequently disposed of substantially all related net assets. However, obligations may remain relating to product liability claims for products sold prior to the disposal.



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**Discontinued Operations Reserves** Over the past 19 years SunLink has discontinued operations carried on by its former Mountainside Medical Center and its former industrial, U.K. leisure marine, life sciences and engineering, and European child safety segments, as well as the U.K. housewares segment. SunLink's reserves relating to discontinued operations of these segments represent management's best estimate of SunLink's possible liability for property, product liability and other claims for which SunLink may incur liability. These estimates are based on management's judgments, using currently available information, as well as, in certain instances, consultation with its insurance carriers, third party advisors and legal counsel. While estimates have been based on the evaluation of available information, it is not possible to predict with certainty the ultimate outcome of many contingencies relating to discontinued operations. SunLink intends to continue to adjust its estimates of the reserves as additional information is developed and evaluated. However, management believes that the final resolution of these contingencies will not have a material adverse impact on the financial position, cash flows or results of operations of SunLink.

The following is a summary of the loss reserves for discontinued operations:

	<b>Years Ended June 30,</b>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Beginning balance	\$ 1,396	\$ 1,301	\$ 1,298
Usage	(181)	(17)	(32)
Exchange differences	111	112	35
	\$ 1,326	\$ 1,396	\$ 1,301

Results of discontinued operations were as follows:

**Discontinued Operations Summary Statement of Earnings Information**

	<b>Years Ended June 30,</b>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations:			
Housewares Segment:			
Loss from operations	\$ (306)	\$ (76)	\$
Income tax benefit	(96)	(30)	
Loss from Housewares Segment after taxes	(210)	(46)	
Mountainside Medical			
Loss from operations	(216)	(171)	(564)
Income tax benefit	(67)	(68)	(174)

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Loss from Mountainside Medical Center after taxes	(149)	(103)	(390)
Life sciences and engineering segment:			
Loss from operations	(49)	(53)	(56)
Income tax benefit	(15)	(21)	(174)
Earnings (loss) from life sciences and engineering segment after income taxes	(34)	(32)	118
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	\$ (393)	\$ (181)	\$ (272)

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SunLink has agreements with third-party payors that provide for payments at amounts different from its established rates. A summary of the payment arrangements with major third-party payors follows:

*Medicare* Inpatient acute care services rendered to Medicare program beneficiaries are paid at prospectively determined rates per Diagnosis Related Group. These rates vary according to a patient classification system that is based on clinical, diagnostic, and other factors. Inpatient nonacute services, certain outpatient services, and defined capital and medical education costs related to Medicare beneficiaries are paid based on a cost reimbursement methodology. Cost reimbursable items are paid at a tentative rate, with final settlement determined after submission of annual cost reports and audits thereof by the Medicare fiscal intermediary.

*Medicaid* Inpatient and outpatient services rendered to Medicaid program beneficiaries are reimbursed either under contracted rates or reimbursed for cost reimbursable items at a tentative rate, with final settlement determined after submission of annual cost reports and audits thereof by the Medicaid fiscal intermediary.

SunLink also has entered into payment agreements with certain commercial insurance carriers, health maintenance organizations, and preferred provider organizations. The basis for payment under these agreements includes prospectively determined rates per discharge, discounts from established charges, and prospectively determined daily rates.

Summary information for receivables is as follows:

	<b>June 30,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Patient accounts receivable (net of contractual allowances)	\$ 34,190	\$ 24,734
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(14,138)	(10,197)
Patient accounts receivable (net of allowances)	\$ 20,052	\$ 14,537

Net revenues included \$1,259, \$266, and \$312, for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively, for the settlements and filings of prior year Medicare and Medicaid cost reports.

**6. INVENTORY**

Consisted of the following:

	June 30,	
	2008	2007
Healthcare Facilities Segment Supplies Inventory	\$ 2,865	\$ 2,826
Specialty Pharmacy Segment Goods Held For Sale	1,846	
	\$ 4,711	\$ 2,826

## 7. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

SunLink has goodwill related to its Healthmont and Carmichael acquisitions. We have intangible assets related to these acquisitions, as well. We also have intangible assets related to three Healthcare Facilities Segment Clinic purchases.

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Intangible assets consist of the following, net of amortization:

	<b>June 30,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Healthcare Facilities Segment	\$ 706	\$ 863
Specialty Pharmacy Segment	12,721	
	<b>\$ 13,427</b>	<b>\$ 863</b>

Amortization expense was \$310, \$121, and \$27, for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Goodwill consists of the following:

	<b>June 30,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Healthcare Facilities Segment	\$ 2,944	\$ 2,944
Specialty Pharmacy Segment	6,509	
	<b>\$ 9,453</b>	<b>\$ 2,944</b>

Annual amortization for the next five years and thereafter is as follows:

2009	896
2010	789
2011	615
2012	613
2013	612
2014 and thereafter	4,502
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,027</b>

**8. LONG-TERM DEBT**

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Long-term debt consisted of the following:

	June 30,	
	2008	2007
Term Loan	\$ 34,854	\$
SunLink Term Loan A		8,222
Capital lease obligations	108	314
Total	34,962	8,536
Less current maturities	(1,844)	(875)
	\$ 33,118	\$ 7,661

**SunLink Credit Facilities** On October 15, 2004, SunLink entered into a \$30,000 five-year senior secured credit facility ( 2004 Credit Facility ) comprised of a revolving line of credit of up to \$15,000 with an interest

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rate at LIBOR plus 2.91%, a \$10,000 term loan ( SunLink Term Loan A ) with an interest rate at LIBOR plus 3.91% and a \$5,000 term loan facility ( SunLink Term Loan B ) with an interest rate at LIBOR plus 3.91%.

On April 23, 2008, SunLink repaid all outstanding balances and terminated the 2004 Credit Facility with a portion of the proceeds of a new \$47,000 seven-year senior secured credit facility. The Company did not incur any early termination penalties in connection with the termination of the 2004 Credit Agreement. A loss on early repayment of debt of approximately \$267 was recorded in April 2008 as a result of writing-off remaining unamortized prepaid debt cost of the 2004 credit facility.

A new \$47,000 seven-year senior secured credit facility ( 2008 Credit Facility ) was entered into on April 23, 2008 and is comprised of a revolving line of credit of up to \$12,000 with an interest rate at LIBOR plus 3.50% (6.25% at June 30, 2008) (the Revolving Loan ) and a \$35,000 term loan with an interest rate at LIBOR plus 5.07% (7.82% at June 30, 2008) (the Term Loan ). In the 2008 Credit Facility, LIBOR is defined as the Thirty-Day published rate, not to be less than 2.75%, however it may not exceed 5.50%. The Revolving Loan and the Term Loan were immediately available to the Company for borrowing at April 23, 2008. The total availability of credit under all components of the credit facility is keyed to the level of SunLink's earnings, which, based upon the Company's estimates, provided for current borrowing capacity, before any draws, of approximately \$47,000 on the closing date. At closing, the entire \$35,000 term loan and \$5,500 of the revolving loan were drawn. The Company used the initial proceeds of the loans in the amount of \$40,500 to repay outstanding debt, including the 2004 Credit Agreement, to pay the cash portion of the purchase price for the Carmichael acquisition, to pay fees and expenses thereunder and for general corporate purposes. Costs and fees related to execution of the credit facility were \$2,115. The fees will be amortized over seven years at approximately \$300 a year and are recorded in other assets and other non-current assets. Amortization expense and accumulated amortization was approximately \$61 for the fiscal year ended June 30., 2008. The Credit Facility is secured by a first priority security interest in substantially all real and personal property of the Company and its consolidated domestic subsidiaries, including a pledge of all of the equity interests in such subsidiaries.

Annual required payments of debt for the next five years and thereafter are as follows:

2009	1,844
2010	1,764
2011	1,750
2012	1,750
2013	1,750
2014 and thereafter	26,104
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 34,962</b>

The contractual commitments for interest on long-term debt are shown in the following table. The interest rate on variable interest debt is calculated at the interest rate at June 30, 2008.

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2009	2,671
2010	2,521
2011	2,383
2012	2,247
2013	2,110
2014 and thereafter	2,041
Total	\$ 13,973

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## 9. SUBORDINATED LONG-TERM DEBT

Subordinated long-term debt consisted of the following:

	June 30,	
	2008	2007
Carmicheal	\$ 3,000	\$
Total	3,000	
Less current maturities	(150)	
	\$ 2,850	\$

**Carmichael's Loan** On April 22, 2008, SunLink Scripts Rx, LLC (formerly know as SunLink Homecare Services LLC) entered into a \$3,000 promissory note agreement with an interest rate of 8% with the former owners of Carmichael as part of the acquisition purchase price. The note is payable in semi-annual installments of \$150 beginning on April 22, 2009 with the remaining balance of \$1,200 due April 22, 2015. Interest is payable in arrears semi-annually on the six-month anniversary of the issuance of the note. The note is guaranteed by SunLink Health Systems, Inc. for the payment of the note and accrued interest. The note is subordinate to the 2008 Credit Facility.

Annual required payments of debt for the next five years and thereafter are as follows:

2009	150
2010	300
2011	300
2012	300
2013	300
2014 and thereafter	1,650
Total	\$ 3,000

The contractual commitments for interest on the subordinated long-term debt are shown in the following table.

2009	234
2010	216

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2011	192
2012	168
2013	144
2014 and thereafter	132
Total	\$ 1,086

## 10. SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY

**Employee and Directors Stock Option Plans** On November 7, 2005, the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan was approved by SunLink's shareholders at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. This Plan permits the grant of options to employees, non-employee directors and service providers of SunLink for the purchase of up to 800,000 common shares plus the number of unused shares under the 2001 Plans, which is 30,675, by November

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2015. This Plan restricts the number of Incentive Stock Options to 700,000 shares and Restricted Stock Awards to 200,000 shares. The combination of Incentive Stock Options and Restricted Stock Awards cannot exceed 800,000 shares plus the number of unused shares under the 2001 Plans. Each award of Restricted Shares reduces the number of share options to be granted by four option shares for each Restricted Share awarded. No options have been exercised under this plan. Options outstanding under this Plan were 781,605, 241,906 and 237,200 at June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

On August 20, 2001, the 2001 Outside Directors' Stock Ownership and Stock Option Plan was approved by SunLink's shareholders at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. This Plan permitted the grant of options to outside directors of SunLink for the purchase of up to 90,000 common shares through March 2006. Options for 90,000 shares were granted by March 2006. Options for 7,500 shares have been exercised under this plan. Options outstanding under this Plan were 82,500 at June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

On February 28, 2001, the 2001 Long-Term Stock Option Plan was approved by the Board of Directors of SunLink. The 2001 Long-Term Stock Option Plan permitted the grant of options to officers and other key employees for the purchase of up to 810,000 common shares through February 2006. Options totaling 299,734 shares under this plan have been exercised. Options outstanding under this Plan were 322,875, 413,625, and 634,150 at June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

SunLink's 1995 Incentive Stock Option Plan permitted the grant of options to officers and key employees to purchase up to 250,000 common shares through May 2005. Vesting and option expiration periods for options granted are determined by the Board of Directors but may not exceed 10 years. Options for 246,000 shares have been exercised and options for 4,000 shares were outstanding at June 30, 2008. Options outstanding under this Plan were 4,000, 4,000 and 10,000 at June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

The activity of Company's shares options is shown in the following table:

	<b>Number of Shares</b>	<b>Weighted- Average Exercise Price</b>	<b>Range of Exercise Prices</b>
Options outstanding June 30, 2005	836,900	\$ 2.44	\$ 1.50 8.95
Granted	254,500	9.64	8.15 10.24
Exercised	(117,625)	1.97	1.50 5.50
Forfeited	(15,925)	8.45	3.00 9.63
Options outstanding June 30, 2006	957,850	4.31	1.50 8.95
Granted	55,000	6.79	6.55 7.15
Exercised	(213,234)	1.75	1.50 6.57
Forfeited	(57,585)	8.93	2.80 9.63
Options outstanding June 30, 2007	742,031	4.82	1.50 10.24

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Granted	563,999		7.30	5.86	8.00
Exercised	(86,500)		1.61	1.50	3.00
Forfeited	(28,550)		7.49	3.82	9.63
Options outstanding June 30, 2008	1,190,980	\$	6.20	\$ 1.50	\$10.24
Options exercisable, June 30, 2006	623,618	\$	2.05	\$ 1.50	\$6.57
Options exercisable, June 30, 2007	569,227	\$	3.67	\$ 1.50	\$10.24
Options exercisable, June 30, 2008	663,071	\$	4.95	\$ 1.50	\$10.24

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The weighted-average fair value of each option granted during the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 was \$1.86, \$2.14, and \$4.01, respectively. The fair value of each stock option grant was estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions used for grants during the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively: estimated volatility of 33%, 28%, and 46%; risk-free interest rate of 3.9%, 4.7%, and 4.5%; dividend yield of 0% for all years; and an expected life of 5.2 years, 4.5 years, and 4.0 years. The historical volatility is used to calculate the estimated volatility. The expected lives of the stock option grants were determined to be the midpoint between the vesting period and the contractual term of the grants. The estimate of the forfeited options in the compensation expense calculation was determined as the weighted-average forfeitures for the last three years. For the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, the Company recognized \$477 and \$353, respectively, of compensation expense for share options issued. Prior to the July 1, 2005 adoption of SFAS No. 123 (R), no compensation expense was recognized for the share option plans under the intrinsic value method of accounting for share option costs since the exercise price of the options was not less than the fair value of SunLink's common shares at the grant date. As of June 30, 2008, there was \$698 of unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested share-based compensation arrangements granted under the Plans. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.98 years. See Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies Recent Accounting Standards for further discussion of SFAS No. 123 (R).

Information with respect to stock options outstanding and exercisable at June 30, 2008 is as follows:

Exercise Prices	Number Outstanding	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life (in years)	
		Number Exercisable	
\$ 1.50	197,500	1.46	197,500
\$ 2.50	25,000	2.48	25,000
\$ 2.65	12,000	2.69	12,000
\$ 2.80	2,000	3.86	2,000
\$ 2.90	37,500	5.45	37,500
\$ 2.91	21,000	1.86	21,000
\$ 3.00	14,625	1.66	14,625
\$ 4.00	5,000	2.59	5,000
\$ 5.48	5,750	1.98	4,313
\$ 5.86	160,000	6.81	70,000
\$ 6.25	21,000	9.24	
\$ 6.39	6,000	1.72	6,000
\$ 6.55	33,000	8.88	33,000
\$ 6.57	77,000	1.64	77,000
\$ 7.15	14,000	3.64	3,500
\$ 8.00	369,999	8.25	33,999
\$ 9.63	183,606	3.26	117,634
\$ 9.95	4,000	2.35	2,000
\$10.24	2,000	2.45	1,000
	1,190,980	5.13	663,071

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006 were \$277, \$976, and \$933, respectively. As of June 30, 2008, the aggregate intrinsic value of options outstanding and shares exercisable were \$883 and \$883, respectively. As of June 30, 2007, the aggregate intrinsic value of options outstanding and shares exercisable were \$1,773 and \$1,754, respectively.

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**Warrants** SunLink issued 999,487 warrants to shareholders of record on December 23, 1995. For each five common shares held, SunLink distributed one warrant for the purchase of one common share. The warrants entitled the holders to purchase common shares for \$8.625 per share through their extended expiration date of January 31, 2007. SunLink had the ability to reduce the purchase price at any time. On November 19, 2003, the Company reduced the warrant exercise price to \$2.50 per share from November 20, 2003 to April 20, 2004. The reduced warrant exercise price of \$2.50 was approximately 90% of the average closing price of common shares for the ten trading days prior to November 19, 2003. Common shares totaling 753,031 were purchased by warrant exercises through January 31, 2007 when the remaining outstanding warrants expired.

On March 23, 2003, in connection with a loan under which SunLink borrowed \$700, SunLink issued a warrant exercisable for 17,500 common shares for a nominal exercise price of \$0.01 per share. On October 3, 2003, in connection with the HealthMont Term Note under which SunLink borrowed \$2,300 from the same lender, SunLink issued a warrant exercisable for 57,500 common shares for a nominal exercise price of \$0.01 per share. Both warrants were exercised in December 2004 and 75,000 common shares were issued. On October 3, 2003, in connection with the HealthMont acquisition and assumption of certain HealthMont debt, SunLink issued a warrant exercisable for 26,723 common shares for a nominal exercise price of \$0.01 per share. This warrant was repurchased by the Company in October 2004 for \$100.

**Shareholder Rights Plan** On February 8, 2004, the Board of Directors of the Company declared a dividend of one Series A Voting Preferred Purchase Price Right (a Right) for each outstanding common share of the Company to record owners of common shares at the close of business on February 10, 2004. Rights outstanding were 6,517,000 at the close of business on February 10, 2004. The Board of Directors declared these Rights to protect shareholders from coercive or otherwise unfair takeover tactics. The Rights should not interfere with any merger or other business combinations approved by the Board of Directors. The Rights expire on February 8, 2014 unless the Company redeems them at an earlier date. The Company may redeem the Rights in whole, but not in part, at a price of \$0.001 per Right, at any time prior to a public announcement that a person has become an Acquiring Person.

**Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)** Information with respect to the balances of each classification within accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) is as follows:

	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment	Minimum Pension Liability Adjustment	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)
June 30, 2005	\$ (185)	\$ (338)	\$ (523)
Current period change	(59)	338	279
June 30, 2006	(244)		(244)
Current period change	(95)	(237)	(332)
June 30, 2007	(339)	(237)	(576)
Current period change	12	(19)	(7)

June 30, 2008	\$	(327)	\$	(256)	\$	(583)
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## 11. INCOME TAXES

The provisions (benefits) for income taxes on continuing operations are as follows:

	Year ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	2006
Domestic:			
Current	\$ 1,935	\$ 1,629	\$ 2,522
Deferred	(848)	(185)	(147)
Total income tax expense	\$ 1,087	\$ 1,444	\$ 2,375

Deferred tax assets recorded in the balance sheets are as follows:

	June 30,	
	2008	2007
Domestic:		
Net operating loss carryforward	\$ 2,561	\$ 2,690
Provision for loss on discontinued operations	61	61
Depreciation expense	(4,282)	(4,164)
Allowances for receivables	2,940	2,208
Accrued expenses	2,449	2,504
Pension liabilities	(63)	(81)
Other	173	137
	3,839	3,355
Less valuation allowance	(1,522)	(1,610)
Total domestic deferred tax assets	2,317	1,745
Foreign:		
Net operating loss carryforwards	111	111
Tax prepayments not currently utilized	840	840
Restructuring	337	337
	1,288	1,288
Less valuation allowance	(1,288)	(1,288)
Total foreign deferred tax assets	0	0

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Net deferred tax assets	\$ 2,317	\$ 1,745
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The differences between income taxes at the Federal statutory rate and the effective tax rate were as follows:

	Years Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	2006
Income taxes at Federal statutory rate	\$ 1,053	\$ 1,027	\$ 2,229
Changes in valuation allowance continuing operations	(79)	(54)	(136)
U.S. state income taxes	(88)	172	255
Share option expense	207	120	196
Other	(6)	179	(169)
Total income tax expense (benefit) continuing operations	\$ 1,087	\$ 1,444	\$ 2,375

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The Company provided a \$1,522 deferred tax valuation allowance for domestic assets as of June 30, 2008 so that the net domestic deferred tax assets were \$2,317 as June 30, 2008. Based upon management's assessment, it is more likely than not that a portion of its domestic deferred tax asset, primarily its domestic net operating losses subject to limitation, would not be recovered. Accordingly, the Company adjusted its valuation allowance to \$1,522 representing that portion of the net domestic tax asset which may not be utilized. The Company provided a \$1,610 deferred tax valuation allowance for domestic assets as of June 30, 2007 so that the net domestic deferred tax assets were \$1,745 as June 30, 2007. The domestic net operating loss carryforwards expire in 2021.

The Company provided a deferred tax valuation allowance for foreign tax assets as of June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, so that the net foreign deferred tax assets are \$0. Based upon management's assessment, it is more likely than not that none of its foreign deferred tax asset will be realized through future taxable earnings or implementation of tax planning strategies. Usage of the foreign tax assets are considered less likely than not due to the current non-operating status of the Company's foreign subsidiaries.

**12. MINORITY INTEREST**

On February 1, 2008, SunLink sold 17% of the Chilton Medical Center in Clanton, Alabama, to individual physicians practicing at that facility. The minority interest reported reflects these physicians' ownership interest at June 30, 2008. The results of operations for the period from February 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008 did not impact the physicians' ownership interest.

**13. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

**Defined Benefit Plans** Prior to SunLink's acquisition of its initial hospitals, it historically maintained defined benefit retirement plans covering substantially all of its employees. No defined benefit plan is maintained for the community hospital segment employees. Benefits are based on years of service and level of earnings. SunLink funds the domestic plan, which is noncontributory, at a rate that meets or exceeds the minimum amounts required by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Effective February 28, 1997, SunLink amended its domestic retirement plan to freeze participant benefits and close the plan to new participants. With the sale of SunLink's life sciences and engineering segment businesses in the fiscal year ended March 31, 1999, net domestic pension expense is now classified as an expense of discontinued operations. During the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, SunLink recognized curtailment losses of \$0 and \$76, respectively, for partial plan settlement of pension obligations to vested former employees.

At June 30, 2008, the plan's assets are invested 81% in cash and short term investments, 11% in equity investments and 8% in fixed income investments. The plan's current investment policy of primarily investing in cash and short term investments is in response to the poor returns on investment of the past 5 years in the equity markets, the returns available in the fixed income markets and the possible need for immediate liquidity as participants retire or withdraw from the plan. The expected return on investment of 4.0% is based upon the plan's historical return on assets. The plan expects to pay \$54, \$50, \$61, \$58 and \$66 in pension benefits in the years ended June 30, 2009 through 2013, respectively. The plan expects to pay \$374 in pension benefits for the years June 30, 2014 through 2018, in the aggregate. This assumes the plan participants elect

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to take monthly pension benefits as opposed to a lump sum payout when they reach age 65. The Company expects to make no contributions to the plan in the year ending June 30, 2009.

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The components of net pension expense for all plans (comprised solely of a domestic plan), excluding the curtailment losses above, were as follows:

	Years Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	2006
Service cost	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Interest cost	70	80	74
Expected return on assets	(52)	(54)	(49)
Amortization of prior service cost	31	27	31
Net pension expense	\$ 49	\$ 53	\$ 56
Weighted-average assumptions:			
Discount rate	6.50%	6.50%	5.75%
Expected return on plan assets	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%
Rate of compensation increase	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Summary information for the plans (comprised solely of a domestic plan) is as follows:

	2008	2007
<b>Change in Benefit Obligation</b>		
Benefit obligation at the beginning of year	\$ 1,108	\$ 1,249
Interest cost	70	80
Actuarial (gain) loss	7	5
Benefits paid	(64)	(258)
Adjustment in cost of settlement		32
Benefit obligation at end of year	\$ 1,121	\$ 1,108
<b>Change in Plan Assets</b>		
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$ 1,323	\$ 1,297
Actual return on plan assets	(2)	64
Company contributions		220
Benefits paid	(64)	(258)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	\$ 1,257	\$ 1,323
Funded status of the plans	136	215
Unrecognized actuarial loss	411	380
Prepaid benefit cost	\$ 547	\$ 595

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**Amounts Recognized in Consolidated Balance Sheets**

Prepaid benefit cost	\$ 136	\$ 215
Accumulated other comprehensive income*	411	380
Net amount recognized	\$ 547	\$ 595

\* Accumulated other comprehensive income represents pretax minimum pension liability adjustments.

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**Defined Contribution Plan** In April 2001, SunLink adopted a defined contribution plan pursuant to IRS Section 401(k) covering substantially all domestic employees except for the employees of the two HealthMont hospitals. HealthMont had an existing 401(k) plan at the acquisition date which covered substantially all of the employees of the HealthMont hospitals. The HealthMont plan was merged into the SunLink plan in January 2005. SunLink matches a specified percentage of the employee's contribution as determined periodically by its management. No matching of HealthMont employees' contribution was made prior to the merger of the HealthMont plan into the SunLink plan. Plan expense was \$280, \$106, and \$462, for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

**14. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

**Leases** The Company leases various land, buildings, and equipment under operating lease obligations having noncancelable terms ranging from one to 14 years. Rent expense was \$2,630, \$2,792, and \$2,452, for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Minimum lease commitments as of June 30, 2008 are as follows:

Fiscal year ending June 30:	
2009	\$ 2,502
2010	2,048
2011	1,128
2012	589
2013	315
Thereafter	1,400
Total minimum lease payments	\$ 7,982

**Lease Guarantee Obligation** In the 2004 Healthmont acquisition, SunLink assumed a lease guarantee obligation of \$500 for a facility the Company did not occupy. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, we learned that the guarantee had been extinguished through an agreement between the lessor and the current lessee of the property. As a result, SunLink reversed the recorded liability for the guarantee of \$500.

**Physician Guarantees** At June 30, 2008 SunLink had a contract with one physician which contained guaranteed minimum gross receipts. Physician guarantee contracts entered into after January 1, 2006 will be accounted for under the provisions of FSP FIN 45-3. See Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies Recent Accounting Standards for discussion of FSP FIN 45-3. For guarantee contracts entered into prior to the adoption of FSP FIN 45-3, SunLink expenses physician guarantees as they are determined to be due to the physician on an accrual basis. Each month the physician's gross patient receipts are accumulated and the difference between the monthly guarantee and the physician's actual gross receipts for the month is calculated. If the guarantee is greater than the receipts, the difference is accrued as a liability and an expense. The net guarantee amount is paid to the physician in the succeeding month. If the physician's monthly receipts exceed the guarantee amount in subsequent months, then the overage is repaid to SunLink to the extent of any prior monthly guarantee payments and the liability and expense is reduced by the amount of the repayments. The physician with whom the guarantee agreement is made agrees to maintain his/her practice within the hospital geographic area for a specific period (normally three years) or he/she would be liable to repay all or a portion of the guarantee received. The physician's liability for any guarantee repayment due to non-compliance with guarantee provisions will be collateralized

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by the physician's patient accounts receivable and/or a promissory note from the physician. Included in Company's consolidated balance sheet at June 30, 2008 is a liability of \$130 for physician guarantees accounted for under the provisions of FSP FIN 45-3. SunLink expensed \$747, \$1,098, and \$1,699, for

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the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Noncancelable commitments under these contracts as of June 30, 2008 are as follows:

Fiscal year ending June 30:	
2009	\$ 139
2010	
2011	
2012	
2013	
Total	\$ 139

**Capital Commitments** In August 2007, the Company received final approval of a Certificate of Need application with the State of Georgia to build a replacement hospital in Ellijay, Georgia. To date, SunLink has made no commitments related to the replacement hospital. However, SunLink exercised its option to purchase land, the seller failed to close, and SunLink and the seller of the land are currently in litigation and the outcome is uncertain. Cost for such property is approximately \$3,300. Except for the Ellijay, Georgia land purchase, there are no other material future commitments for capital expenditures.

**Other** SunLink's business strategy is to focus its efforts on internal growth of its existing healthcare facilities and its pharmacy business, supplemented by growth from selected rural healthcare acquisitions, including but not limited to hospitals, nursing homes, home care businesses, and pharmacy businesses. Subject to the availability of debt and/or equity capital, SunLink's internal growth may include replacement or expansion of its existing healthcare facilities and pharmacy business operations involving substantial capital expenditures, as well as the expenditure of significant amounts of capital for selected acquisitions.

**Litigation** The Company is a party to claims and litigation incidental to its business, for which it is not currently possible to determine the ultimate liability, if any. Based on an evaluation of information currently available and consultation with legal counsel, management believes that resolution of such claims and litigation is not likely to have a material effect on the financial position, cash flows, or results of operations of the Company. The Company expenses legal costs as they are incurred.

On July 13, 2006, Piedmont Healthcare, Inc. ( "PHI" ) and Piedmont Mountainside Hospital, Inc. ( "PMH" ) (collectively, "Plaintiffs" or "Piedmont" ) filed a Complaint in the Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia, alleging breach of the Asset Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement" ) dated as of April 9, 2004 by and among PMH, Piedmont Medical Center, Inc. (n/k/a "PMI" ), Southern Health Corporation of Jasper, Inc. ( "SHJI" ), SunLink Healthcare LLC (formerly SunLink Healthcare Corp.), and SunLink (collectively, "Defendants" or "SunLink" ) pursuant to which the Mountainside Medical Center was sold to PMH in June 2004. Specifically, Piedmont seeks to have SunLink reimburse Piedmont for certain costs associated with an alleged indigent and charity care shortfall of Piedmont Mountainside Hospital (formerly Mountainside Medical Center) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004 demanded by the Georgia Department of Community Health ( "DCH" ). In addition, Piedmont seeks reimbursement for funds allegedly recouped from PMH by DCH in respect of Medicaid Cost Report settlements and adjustments for the reporting periods ending June 30, 2002, June 30, 2003 and May 31, 2004. Piedmont also seeks a declaratory judgment to the effect that Piedmont may retain certain

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payments it has received from the DCH's Indigent Care Trust Fund for Disproportionate Share Hospitals. Piedmont also seeks recovery of costs and attorney's fees under the Agreement and Georgia law.

On August 11, 2006, SunLink filed an answer to the complaint asserting factual and legal defenses, along with a counterclaim. In the counterclaim, SunLink alleges that Piedmont breached the Agreement by failing to

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reimburse SHJI for funds paid Piedmont from the DCH's Indigent Care Trust Fund for Disproportionate Share Hospitals, which payments SunLink contend qualify as excluded assets not sold to Piedmont under the Agreement. SunLink also alleged that PMI breached its obligations to guaranty PMH's payment and performance of its obligations under the Agreement. SunLink seeks a declaratory judgment regarding the parties' rights in respect of the payments made from the Indigent Care Trust Fund. Finally, SunLink seeks to recover their costs and attorney's fees under the Agreement and Georgia law. The Court has scheduled a hearing on all pending summary judgment and discovery motions for September 26, 2008.

SunLink denies that it has any liability to the Plaintiffs and intends to vigorously defend the claims asserted against SunLink in connection with the complaint and to vigorously pursue its counterclaim. While the ultimate outcome and materiality of the litigation cannot be determined, in management's opinion the litigation will not have a material adverse effect on SunLink's financial condition or results of operations.

As discussed in Note 4, *Discontinued Operations*, SunLink sold its former U.K. housewares manufacturing subsidiary, Beldray Limited (Beldray), to two of its managers in October 2001. Beldray has since entered into administrative receivership and is under the administration of its primary lender. SunLink believes Beldray ceased to operate in October 2004.

On August 6, 2007 the liquidator in an insolvency proceeding in the United Kingdom involving SunLink's former subsidiary KRUG International (UK) Limited (KRUG UK) made an application in The Birmingham County Court in Birmingham, England in which the liquidator is seeking a declaration by the court that a transfer of certain funds in 2001 from KRUG UK to SunLink in connection with the purchase of certain preferred stock of another subsidiary of SunLink, the making of a loan to SunLink, and certain forgiveness of debt to SunLink by KRUG UK Limited was improper as, among other things, KRUG UK was then effectively insolvent and that the approval of such transfers by the then directors of KRUG UK resulted in a breach of their fiduciary duties. The liquidator seeks to have the court order that the former directors or, in the alternative, SunLink, be required to account for, repay or restore such funds to the liquidator of KRUG UK. In connection with the allegations in the application of breach of fiduciary duty by the directors of KRUG UK in approving the transfer of such funds, SunLink has indemnification obligations to the former directors of KRUG UK. Each of the directors of KRUG UK and SunLink have now been served. SunLink denies any liability to KRUG UK other than to it in KRUG UK's status as a preferred stockholder and for the unpaid balance on the promissory note. SunLink, through its United Kingdom counsel, intends to vigorously defend against the liquidator's claims.

SunLink's non-current liability reserves for discontinued operations at June 30, 2008, included a reserve for a portion of the Beldray Guarantee, which would be sought pursuant to the application made by the liquidator of KRUG UK. Such reserve was based upon management's estimate, after consultation with its property consultants and legal counsel, of the cost to satisfy the Beldray Guarantee in light of KRUG UK's limited assets and before taking into account any other claims against KRUG UK. The maximum potential obligation of KRUG UK for rent under the Beldray Guarantee is estimated to be approximately \$8,400. SunLink expensed \$306 in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 on legal costs to defend against the claim. As a result of this claim and the U.K. liquidation proceedings against KRUG UK, SunLink expects KRUG UK to be wound-up in liquidation in the UK and has fully reserved for any assets of KRUG UK.

Additional contingent obligations, other than with respect to our existing operations, include potential product liability claims for products manufactured and sold before the disposal of our discontinued industrial segment in fiscal year 1989 and for guarantees of certain obligations of former subsidiaries. We have provided an accrual at June 30, 2008 related to the Beldray Lease Guarantee, as discussed above. Based upon an

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evaluation of information currently available and consultation with legal counsel, management has not reserved any amounts for contingencies related to these liquidations.

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SunLink is a party to claims and litigation incidental to its business, for which it is not currently possible to determine the ultimate liability, if any. Based on an evaluation of information currently available and consultation with legal counsel, management believes that resolution of such claims and litigation is not likely to have a material effect on the financial position, cash flows, or results of operations of the Company. The Company expenses legal costs as they are incurred.

The health care industry is subject to numerous laws and regulations of Federal, state, and local governments. Compliance with these laws and regulations, specifically those relating to the Medicare and Medicaid programs, can be subject to government review and interpretation, as well as regulatory actions unknown and unasserted at this time. Recently, Government activity has increased with respect to investigations and allegations concerning possible violations of regulations by health care providers, which could result in the imposition of significant fines and penalties, as well as significant repayments of previously billed and collected revenues from patient services. Management believes that the Company is in substantial compliance with current laws and regulations.

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ( HIPAA ) was enacted on August 21, 1996 to assure health insurance portability, reduce healthcare fraud and abuse, guarantee security and privacy of health information and enforce standards for health information. Organizations are required to be in compliance with HIPAA provisions which have compliance dates beginning in April 2003 and ending in May 2007. Organizations are subject to significant fines and penalties if found not to be in compliance with HIPAA.

**15. RELATED PARTIES**

A director of the Company and the Company's secretary (who was a director of SunLink until November 2003 and is now director emeritus) are members of two different law firms, each of which provides services to SunLink. We have paid an aggregate of \$1,154, \$624, and \$564 to these law firms in the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

**16. FINANCIAL INFORMATION BY SEGMENTS**

Prior to the acquisition of Carmichael in April 2008, we operated as a single business segment. Under SFAS No. 131, Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information, operating segments are defined as components of an enterprise about which separate financial information is available that is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker, or decision-making group, in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. Our chief operating decision-making group is composed of the chief executive officer and members of senior management. Our two reportable operating segments are Healthcare Facilities and Specialty Pharmacy.

We evaluate performance of our operating segments based on revenue and operating income (loss). Segment information for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 is as follows:

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<b>2008</b>	<b>Healthcare Facilities</b>	<b>Specialty Pharmacy</b>	<b>Corporate and Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Net Revenues from external customers	\$ 151,372	\$ 7,059	\$	\$ 158,431
Operating income (loss)	9,641	558	(4,794)	5,405
Depreciation and amortization	4,751	291	470	5,512
Assets	48,506	28,398	34,720	111,624
Expenditures for property, plant and equipment	7,943	110	284	8,337

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**(Share Amounts in Thousands)**

	<b>2008</b>		<b>Years Ended June 30,</b>		<b>2006</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Per Share Amount</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Per Share Amount</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Per Share Amount</b>
Earnings from continuing operations	\$ 2,009		\$ 1,577		\$ 4,181	
Basic:						
Weighted-average shares outstanding	7,605	\$ 0.26	7,397	\$ 0.21	7,258	\$ 0.58
Diluted:						
Weighted-average shares outstanding	7,855	\$ 0.26	7,810	\$ 0.20	7,858	\$ 0.53
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	\$ (393)		\$ (181)		\$ (272)	
Basic:						
Weighted-average shares outstanding	7,605	\$ (0.05)	7,397	\$ (0.02)	7,258	\$ (0.04)
Diluted:						
Weighted-average shares outstanding	7,855	\$ (0.05)	7,810	\$ (0.02)	7,858	\$ (0.03)
Net Earnings	\$ 1,616		\$ 1,396		\$ 3,909	
Basic:						
Weighted-average shares outstanding	7,605	\$ 0.21	7,397	\$ 0.19	7,258	\$ 0.54
Diluted:						
Weighted-average shares outstanding	7,855	\$ 0.21	7,810	\$ 0.18	7,858	\$ 0.50
Weighted-average number of shares outstanding basic	7,605		7,397		7,258	
Effect of dilutive director, employee and guarantor options and outstanding common share warrants	250		413		600	
Weighted-average number of shares outstanding diluted	7,855		7,810		7,858	

Share options of 886 for the year ended June 30, 2008 are not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because their effect would be antidilutive. Share options of 197 for the year ended June 30, 2007 are not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because their effect would be antidilutive. Share options of 25 for the year ended June 30, 2006 are not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because their effect would be antidilutive.





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**18. SELECTED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED)**  
(Share Amounts in Thousands)

The following selected quarterly data for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, are unaudited.

		<b>Fourth Quarter</b>	<b>Third Quarter</b>	<b>Second Quarter</b>	<b>First Quarter</b>
NET REVENUE	Year Ended June 30, 2008	\$ 43,819	\$ 39,407	\$ 36,969	\$ 38,236
	Year Ended June 30, 2007	\$ 37,596	\$ 37,490	\$ 34,076	\$ 34,483
EARNINGS (LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	Year Ended June 30, 2008	579	936	51	443
	Year Ended June 30, 2007	960	612	(463)	468
NET EARNINGS (LOSS)	Year Ended June 30, 2008	427	829	(33)	393
	Year Ended June 30, 2007	881	459	(494)	550
EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE:					
Continuing operations					
Basic	Year Ended June 30, 2008	0.07	0.12	0.01	0.06
	Year Ended June 30, 2007	0.13	0.08	(0.06)	0.06
Diluted	Year Ended June 30, 2008	0.07	0.12	0.01	0.06
	Year Ended June 30, 2007	0.12	0.08	(0.06)	0.06
Net earnings (loss):					
Basic	Year Ended June 30, 2008	0.05	0.11	(0.00)	0.05
	Year Ended June 30, 2007	0.12	0.06	(0.07)	0.08
Diluted	Year Ended June 30, 2008	0.05	0.11	(0.00)	0.05
	Year Ended June 30, 2007	0.12	0.06	(0.07)	0.07
WEIGHTED-AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING:					
Basic	Year Ended June 30, 2008	7,850	7,544	7,515	7,513
	Year Ended June 30, 2007	7,509	7,403	7,346	7,328
Diluted	Year Ended June 30, 2008	8,049	7,796	7,789	7,789
	Year Ended June 30, 2007	7,804	7,790	7,346	7,830