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

ADCARE HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio **31-1332119**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Incorporation or Organization)

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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of Registrant's principal executive offices)

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Chairman of the Board

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company **CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered⁽¹⁾	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Security⁽²⁾	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price⁽²⁾	Amount of Registration Fee⁽²⁾
Warrants to purchase common stock, no par value, issued in a private placement on December 8, 2009 (the Private Placement Warrants):	1,382,500	(3)	(3)	(3)
Common stock, no par value, underlying the Private Placement Warrants:	1,382,500	\$5.765	\$7,970,112.50	\$568.27
Common stock, no par value, issued to certain directors and officers on December 7, 2009 (the Management Restricted Stock):	171,378	\$5.765	\$987,994.17	\$70.44
Common stock, no par value, issued to Rookwood on April 14, 2008 (the Rookwood Restricted Stock):	20,000	\$5.765	\$115,300.00	\$8.22
Common stock, no par value, underlying the warrants issued in connection with Registrant's initial public offering on November 10, 2006 (the IPO Warrants):	1,406,000	\$5.765	\$8,105,590.00	\$577.93
Common stock, no par value, underlying warrants issued to certain officers and directors and other selling securityholders identified herein (the Securityholder Warrants):	1,811,539	\$5.765	\$10,443,522.00	\$744.62
Common stock, no par value, underlying the stock options granted to certain officers and directors pursuant to the 2004 Non-Qualified and Incentive Stock Option Plan adopted on August 27, 2004 (the 2004 Stock Option Plan):	120,000	\$5.765	\$691,800.00	\$49.33
Common stock, no par value, underlying the stock options granted to certain officers and directors pursuant to the 2005 Non-Qualified and Incentive Stock Option Plan adopted on September 22, 2005 (the 2005 Stock Option Plan):	200,000	\$5.765	\$1,153,000.00	\$82.21
Common stock, no par value, issued to Newbridge Securities Corp. (Newbridge) who served as underwriter in connection	70,300	\$5.765	\$405,279.50	\$28.90

with the Company's initial public offering.

Warrants to purchase common stock, no par value, issued to Newbridge in connection with the Company's initial public offering (the Newbridge Warrants).	70,300	(3)	(3)	(3)
Common stock, no par value, underlying the Newbridge Warrants:	70,300	\$5.765	\$405,279.50	\$28.90
Common stock, no par value, to be offered in connection with a shelf registration pursuant to this prospectus:	(4)	(4)	\$20,000,000.00	<u>\$1,426.00</u>
Total Amount of Registration Fees				<u>\$3,585.82</u>

(1)

In accordance with Rule 416 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Act), a presently indeterminable number of shares of common stock are registered hereunder which may be issued in the event of stock splits, stock dividends, or similar transactions triggering of any anti-dilution provisions in the above-described warrants involving the common stock of Registrant. No additional registration fee has been paid for these shares of common stock.

(2)

Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(c) of the Act based on the average of the high and low sales prices of the Registrant's common stock on April 22, 2010, as reported on the NYSE Amex.

(3)

Pursuant to Rule 457(g), no separate registration fee is required.

(4)

The Registrant is additionally registering an indeterminate number of shares of common stock up to a proposed maximum aggregate offering price of \$20,000,000, which may be offered from time to time at indeterminate prices. The Registrant has estimated the proposed maximum aggregate offering price solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement contains two prospectuses covering the registration of:

A.

the resale, from time to time, by certain selling securityholders under this prospectus of (1) 1,382,500 Private Placement Warrants issued in a private placement on December 8, 2009, (2) 171,378 shares of common stock, no par value, comprising the Management Restricted Stock issued to certain officers and directors of the Company on November 30, 2009, (3) 20,000 shares of common stock, no par value, comprising the Rookwood Restricted Stock issued to Rookwood on April 14, 2008, (4) 70,300 shares of common stock, no par value, issued to Newbridge in connection with our initial public offering, (5) 70,300 Warrants issued to Newbridge in connection with our initial public offering, and (6) up to 4,990,339 shares of common stock, no par value, issuable upon exercise of the certain warrants and options, consisting of (i) 1,382,500 shares of common stock underlying the Private Placement Warrants, (ii) 1,406,000 shares of common stock underlying the IPO Warrants, (iii) 1,811,539 shares of common stock underlying the Securityholder Warrants, (iv) 70,300 shares of common stock underlying the Newbridge Warrants, (v) 120,000 shares of common stock underlying stock options granted to certain officers and directors pursuant to the 2004 Stock Option Plan, and (vi) 200,000 shares of common stock underlying stock options granted pursuant to the 2005 Stock Option Plan; and

B.

the shelf registration of an indeterminate number of shares of common stock up to a total offering price of \$20,000,000.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED _____, 2010

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. These securities may not be sold until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities nor does it seek an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

PROSPECTUS

ADCARE HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

1,382,500 Private Placement Warrants;

171,378 Shares of Management Restricted Stock;

20,000 Shares of Rookwood Restricted Stock;

70,300 Shares of Common Stock Issued to Newbridge;

70,300 Warrants Issued to Newbridge; and

4,990,339 Shares of Common Stock, No Par Value per Share

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") to register for resale, from time to time, by certain selling securityholders under this prospectus the following securities: (1) 1,382,500 Private Placement Warrants issued in a private placement on December 8, 2009, (2) 171,378 shares of common stock, no par value, comprising the Management Restricted Stock issued to certain officers and directors of the Company on November 30, 2009, (3) 20,000 shares of common stock, no par value, comprising the Rookwood Stock issued to Rookwood on April 14, 2008, (4) 70,300 shares of common stock, no par value, issued to Newbridge in connection with our initial public offering, (5) 70,300 Warrants issued to Newbridge in connection with our initial public offering, and (6) up to 4,990,339 shares of common stock, no par value, issuable upon exercise of certain warrants and options, consisting of (i) 1,382,500 shares of common stock underlying the Private Placement Warrants, (ii) 1,406,000 shares of common stock underlying the IPO Warrants, (iii) 1,811,539 shares of common stock underlying the Securityholder Warrants, (iv) 70,300 shares of common stock underlying the Newbridge Warrants, (v) 120,000 shares of common stock underlying stock options granted to certain officers and directors pursuant to the 2004 Stock Option Plan, and (vi) 200,000 shares of common stock underlying stock options granted to certain officers and directors pursuant to the 2005 Stock Option Plan.

The selling securityholders identified in this prospectus, or their pledges, donees, transferees or other successors-in-interest, may offer the registered securities from time to time through public or private transactions at prevailing market prices, at prices related to prevailing market prices or at privately negotiated prices. We will not receive proceeds from the sale of any of the securities registered pursuant to this prospectus. However, we may receive proceeds in connection with the exercise of the Warrants, if they are exercised for cash. The selling securityholders will sell the securities in accordance with the Plan of Distribution set forth in this prospectus. The selling securityholders will bear all commissions and discounts, if any attributable to the sale of the registered securities. We will bear all costs, expenses and fees in connection with the registration of the securities.

Our common stock is traded on the NYSE AMEX under the symbol "ADK". On March 31, 2010, the last reported sale of our common stock on the NYSE AMEX was \$5.75 per share. As of March 31, 2010, the aggregate market value of

our outstanding common stock held by non-affiliates was approximately \$23,426,196.

You should read carefully both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with the additional information described below under the heading "Where You Can Find Additional Information".

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 4 for certain risks and uncertainties that you should consider.

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

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information that is different from that contained in this prospectus. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted. The information on this prospectus is complete and accurate only as of the date of the front cover regardless of the time delivery of this prospectus or of any sale of shares. Except where the context requires otherwise, in this prospectus, the words Company, AdCare, we, us and our refer to AdCare Health Systems, Inc., an Ohio corporation.

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information from this prospectus. It does not contain all of the information that is important to you. We encourage you to carefully read this entire prospectus and the documents to which we refer you. The following summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the detailed information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus.

Our Company

We are a Springfield, Ohio based developer, owner and manager of retirement communities, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and provide home health care services in the State of Ohio. We currently manage fourteen facilities, comprised of six skilled nursing centers, six assisted living residences and two independent living/senior housing facilities, totaling over 820 units.

We were organized in 1989 by Gary Wade and J. Michael Williams. Mr. Wade remains active in the management of the business, as President and CEO. Passport Retirement, founded by David A. Tenwick, our Chairman, acquired AdCare Health Systems in 1995. We have a seasoned senior management team with substantial senior living, healthcare and real estate industry experience. Our senior management team is incentivized to continue to grow our business through their combined ownership of approximately 32.6% of our common stock.

Description of Business

We have an ownership interest in eight of the facilities we manage, comprised of 100% ownership of two of the skilled nursing centers and six assisted living facilities. The assisted living facilities that we own operate under the name Hearth & Home, with the tag line Home is where the hearth is . . . We also maintain a development/consulting initiative which is strategic in providing potential management opportunities to our core long-term care business. AdCare Health Systems, Inc. and Hearth & Home are registered trademarks. All of our properties are located within the State of Ohio.

On May 15, 2008, we completed our acquisition of the New Lincoln Lodge. This acquisition was effective April 1, 2008. Consequently, many of the expense areas in our income statement have increased. The New Lincoln Lodge is a senior living facility located in Columbus, Ohio. For further information on this acquisition, please review our 8-K filed on May 19, 2008 and amended on July 29, 2008.

Additionally, in November, 2008, we acquired the remaining 50.8% ownership interest in Hearth & Home of Van Wert, LLC as required by our forward purchase contract. Through October, 2008, we owned 49.2% of the limited liability company with the remaining 50.8% owned by individual investors, located primarily in Van Wert, Ohio.

Our business operates in two segments: (1) management and facility-based care and (2) home-based care. In our management and facility-based care segment, we derive revenues from three primary sources. We operate and have ownership interests in eight facilities for which we collect fees from the residents of those facilities. Profits/losses are generated to the extent that the monthly patient fees exceed the costs associated with operating those facilities. We also manage assisted living facilities and nursing homes owned by third parties. With respect to these facilities, we receive a management fee based on the revenue generated by the facilities. Within our management facility-based care segment, we provide development, consulting and accounting service to third parties. In these instances, we receive a fee for providing those services. These fees vary from project to project, with the development fee in most cases being based on a percentage of the total cost to develop the project.

Our home-based care segment provides home health care services to patients while they are living in their own homes. We use our own employees and independent contractors to provide the in-home health care and home care services at a fixed rate. Our profits/losses are based upon the spread between the amount we receive for providing the services and the cost incurred by us in providing those services. Our costs to provide services including the personnel cost which we have paid to the employees and independent contractors as well as our overhead and management expenses. Our management and support staff are more than adequate to support the number of employees and independent contractors in the field. Therefore, the profitability of our home-based care segment will improve with increased patient volume and visits provided to the extent that we can increase the number of independent contractors and employees in the field.

Because our overhead costs are relatively fixed, our management team believes that the keys to profitable operations of our business are achieving higher occupancy in the long-term care facilities that we own and/or manage, and increasing the number of home health care providers that we have in the field.

We entered the home healthcare field with the acquisition of Assured Health Care in January, 2005. Our management team believes that we have an infrastructure in place to support more offices and a larger number of home health care professionals which will allow us to increase the number of patients served. During 2008, we began providing home health services to residents in assisted living facilities that we own and manage. This cross-selling initiative has proven beneficial to Assured Health Care by increasing our revenue and beneficial to the residents of assisted living by providing them skilled services that otherwise are not available in the assisted living setting. These actions along with continued marketing efforts to expand our market share within the region we serve have improved the profitability of Assured Health Care.

In addition to improving our existing operations, our management team believes that there are significant opportunities to continue the growth of our business. Our nursing homes, assisted living facilities and independent living facilities operate in the senior living facilities market. Our management believes that this market is one of the most dynamic and rapidly growing sectors within the healthcare space. We believe the trends are encouraging as a result of two key industry drivers: positive demographics, due to the aging of America, coupled with the limited supply of senior living facilities. Our strategy is to be opportunistic by exploiting these trends and growing both internally and through strategic acquisitions.

Corporate Information

Our principal executive offices are located at 5057 Troy Road, Springfield, Ohio 45502, and our telephone number is (937) 964-8974. We maintain a website at www.adcarehealth.com.

Employees

As of December 31, 2009, we had approximately 846 total employees of which 538 were full time employees.

The Offering

Private Placement Warrants
being registered hereunder

1,382,500 Private Placement Warrants issued in a private placement on December 8, 2009 (the Private Placement).

Newbridge Warrants

70,300 Warrants issued to Newbridge Securities Corp., who served as underwriter in connection with our initial public offering, entitling each holder to purchase one share of common stock.

Newbridge Common Stock

70,300 shares of common stock issued to Newbridge Securities Corp., who served as underwriter in connection with our initial public offering.

Management Restricted Stock	171,378 shares of common stock, no par value, comprising the Management Restricted Stock issued to certain officers and directors of the Company on November 30, 2009.
Rookwood Restricted Stock	20,000 shares of common stock, no par value, comprising the Rookwood Restricted Stock issued to Rookwood on April 14, 2008.
4,990,339 Shares of Common Stock, no par value	4,990,339 shares of Common Stock, no par value. ⁽¹⁾
Use of Proceeds	We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the common stock or other securities. We may receive proceeds from the exercise of the Warrants, if exercised for cash. We intend to use any proceeds from the exercise of any of the Warrants for working capital and other general corporate purposes. There is no assurance that any of the Warrants will ever be exercised for cash, if at all.
Risk Factors	An investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk and could result in a loss of your entire investment. Prior to making an investment decision, you should carefully consider all of the information in this prospectus and, in particular, you should evaluate the risk factors set forth under the caption Risk Factors beginning on page 4.
NYSE AMEX Market Symbol	ADK

(1) The shares of common stock registered hereunder consist of (i) 70,300 shares of common stock underlying the Warrants issued to Newbridge in connection with our initial public offering, (ii) 1,382,500 shares of common stock underlying the Private Placement Warrants, (iii) 1,406,000 shares of common stock underlying the IPO Warrants, (iv) 1,811,539 shares of common stock underlying the Securityholder Warrants, (v) 120,000 shares of common stock underlying stock options granted to certain officers and directors pursuant to the 2004 Stock Option Plan, and (vi) 200,000 shares of common stock underlying stock options grants to certain officers and directors pursuant to the 2005 Stock Option Plan.

RISK FACTORS

The following are certain risk factors that could affect our business, operations and financial condition. These risk factors should be considered in connection with evaluating the forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus because these factors could cause the actual results and conditions to differ materially from those projected in forward-looking statements. This section does not describe all risks applicable to our business, and we intend it only as a summary of certain material factors. If any of the following risks actually occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be negatively affected. In that case, the trading price of our stock could decline.

We intend to expand our business into new areas of operation.

Our business model calls for seeking to acquire existing cash flowing operations and to expand our operations and branch out into other related areas of business. While we intend to retain our focus on the health care industry, our success will largely depend on our ability to expand into new areas of business within our general industry. As a result, we expect to experience all of the risks that generally occur with expansion into new areas. Many of these risks are out of our control, including risks such as:

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adapting our management systems and personnel into new areas of business;

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integrating new businesses into our structure;

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obtaining adequate financing under acceptable terms;

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where applicable, securing joint venture arrangements with local hospitals, churches, universities, and other entities;

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retention of key personnel, customers and vendors of the acquired business;

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impairments of goodwill and other intangible assets; and

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contingent and latent risks associated with the past operations of, and other unanticipated costs and problems arising in, an acquired business.

If we are unable to successfully integrate the operations of an acquired business into our operations, we could be required to undertake unanticipated changes. These changes could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Since we went public in November, 2006, we have not expanded into new areas of business.

We may need additional financing to complete our long-term acquisition and expansion plans, and we do not have commitments for additional financing.

To achieve our growth objectives, we will need to obtain sufficient financial resources to fund our expansion, development and acquisition activities. We believe we may need to secure debt financing in order to help us leverage our equity resources and make further acquisitions. As of December 31, 2009 we had an accumulated deficit of \$9,805,249 and working capital of approximately \$2,658,000. Our cumulative losses have, in the past, made it difficult for us to borrow adequate funds on what management believed to be commercially reasonable terms. To date, we do not have any commitments for such financing and there can be no assurance that adequate financing will be available on terms that are acceptable to us, if at all. In addition, our Board of Directors may elect to use our stock as "currency" in acquiring additional businesses. If so, our stockholders may experience dilution.

We currently have a line of credit in place which may be insufficient to satisfy short-term cash needs.

In March of 2010, we increased our available line of credit with Huntington National Bank to \$200,000 in order to assist with cash flow. As of December 31, 2009, the entire line of credit (then \$100,000) was available for use in operations of the Company. During 2008, we established a \$150,000 line of credit using funds from our non-qualified deferred compensation plan. Members of this plan, which is only available to senior management, authorized the transfer of funds to establish the line of credit with interest accruing at 8%. As of December 31, 2009, the entire line of credit was available for use in operations of the Company. Businesses typically use lines of credit to finance short-term and unexpected cash needs. There can be no assurances that these lines of credit will be sufficient in the event of an acute cash deficit. Therefore, we intend to secure additional lines of credit or increases in our existing lines but we can provide no assurance that it will be available on acceptable terms, if at all, or that the amount of any line of credit obtained will be sufficient to handle future cash needs as they arise.

Our business is concentrated in Ohio, making it subject to increased risks as a result of potential declines in the Ohio economy.

To date, all of our properties are located within the State of Ohio. In recent years, the economy in the State of Ohio has lagged behind the economic growth in other areas of the country. While we intend to explore expansion into other geographic areas, we are, to some extent, dependent upon the economy of the State of Ohio and the surrounding region. To date, we do not believe that the slow growth of the Ohio economy has negatively impacted our business.

We have a history of operating losses and may incur losses in the future as we expand.

For the year ended December 31, 2009, we had a net income of \$440,283 compared to a net loss of \$1,076,178 for the year ended December 31, 2008. Therefore, we have only recently had profitable operations. There can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain profitable operations as we expand. As of December 31, 2009, we have working capital of approximately \$2,658,000.

Management's plans with the objective of improving liquidity and profitability in future years encompass the following:

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- refinancing debt where possible to obtain more favorable terms.
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- increase facility occupancy.
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- add additional management contracts.
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- acquire existing cash flowing operations to expand our operations and branch out into other related areas of business.

Management believes that the actions that will be taken by the Company provide the opportunity for the Company to improve liquidity and achieve profitability. However, there can be no assurance that such events will occur.

Assisted living and skilled nursing facility financial stability could be negatively impacted by the current economic conditions.

Approximately 19% of our skilled nursing occupants and nearly all the occupants of our assisted living facilities rely on their personal investments and wealth to pay for their stay in our facilities. Recent declines in market values of investments could limit their ability to pay for services or shorten the period of time for which they can pay privately for their stay. The declining market for the sale of homes could limit their ability to sell their personal assets further reducing their ability to remain in our facilities. Furthermore, adult children who have recently become unemployed may decide to care for their parent at home so that their parent's income may help offset some of their own financial burdens. While we have not found these circumstances to have a material effect on financial results to date, the length of the economic downturn and eventual recovery could begin to manifest in these areas reducing facility occupancy, financial performance and cash flow.

We are engaged in an evolving and highly-regulated industry, which increases the cost of doing business and may require us to change the way our business is conducted.

Health care is an area of extensive and frequent regulatory change. Changes in the laws or new interpretations of existing laws can have a significant effect on methods of doing business, cost of doing business, and amounts of reimbursements from the government and other payers. Our assisted living residences and nursing homes are subject to regulation and licensing by state and local health and social service agencies and other regulatory authorities. We are and will continue to be subject to varying degrees of regulation and licensing by health or social service agencies. A failure to comply with applicable requirements could cause us to be fined or could cause the cessation of our business, which would have a material adverse effect on our company.

The manner and the extent to which assisted living is regulated at the federal and state level is evolving. Changes in the laws or new interpretations of existing laws may have a significant effect on our methods and costs of doing business. Our success will depend partially on our ability to satisfy the applicable regulations and requirements and to procure and maintain required licenses. Our operations could also be adversely affected by, among other things, regulatory developments such as mandatory increases in the scope and quality of care given to the residents and revisions in licensing and certification standards. We believe that our operations do not presently violate any existing federal or state laws. But there can be no assurance that federal, state, or local laws or regulatory procedures which might adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations for prospects will not be expanded or imposed.

Changes in the methods of payment from Medicare and Medicaid or the reimbursement rates may adversely affect our revenues and operating margins.

For the year ended December 31, 2009, Medicare and Medicaid constituted 30% and 51%, respectively, of our total patient care revenues. For the year ended December 31, 2008, Medicare and Medicaid constituted 25% and 53%, respectively, of our total patient care revenues. The health care industry is experiencing a strong trend towards cost containment. In general, the government has sought to impose lower reimbursement and resource utilization group rates, limit the scope of covered services, and negotiate reduced payment schedules with providers. These cost containment measures have generally resulted in reduced rates of reimbursement for the services provided by companies such as ours.

Changes to Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement programs have limited, and are expected to continue to limit, payment increases under these programs. Also, the timing of Medicare and Medicaid program payments is subject to regulatory action and governmental budgetary constraints. In addition, federal and state government agencies may reduce the funds available under those programs in the future or require more stringent utilization and quality review of service providers such as us.

State regulatory changes also affect our business.

In the budget passed by the Ohio General Assembly effective July 1, 2005, significant changes were made to the Medicaid reimbursement formula for nursing homes. Under this new law, the cost reimbursement system, which had been in place since the early 1990's, will be phased out and replaced with a pricing system that will reward both quality of care and efficiency in management operations. In July 2006, Medicaid began the transition to the new reimbursement system. Beginning in July, 2010, the State of Ohio has proposed completing the transition to the new reimbursement system which would have the effect of reducing reimbursement at some of our nursing homes if approved. Additionally, the State of Ohio has stopped paying co-pays on dually eligible residents. For the time being, the Federal Government has picked up the costs of the co-pays no longer provided by the State of Ohio. We are not certain whether the Federal Government will continue this program in the long run. As a result, should Ohio continue to refuse co-pays on dually eligible residents and the Federal Government should stop such payments; a substantial amount of our co-pays could become uncollectible.

An expanded Federal program is underway to recover Medicare overpayments.

The Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 established a three year demonstration project to recover overpayments and identify underpayments on Medicare claims from hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health agencies through a review of claims previously paid by Medicare beginning in October, 2007. Medicare contracted nationwide with third parties known as Recovery Audit Contractors (RAC) to conduct these reviews commonly referred to as RAC Audits. Due to the success of the program, the Tax Relief and Healthcare Act of 2006 made the program permanent and mandated its expansion to all 50 states by 2010. As of March 31, 2010, we have not received notification that any of our claims are subject to RAC Audits however, we can make no assurances that our claims will not be selected for RAC Audits in the future and if they are the extent to which these audits may reduce our revenue or otherwise hinder cash flow. For the year ended December 31, 2009, approximately 30% of our patient care revenue was from Medicare.

State Certificate of Need laws and other regulations could negatively impact our ability to grow our nursing home business.

The State of Ohio, and other states in which we could expand, have adopted Certificate of Need or similar laws that generally require that a state agency approve certain nursing home acquisitions and determine the need for certain nursing home bed additions, new services, capital expenditures, or other changes prior to the acquisition or addition of beds or services, the implementation of other changes, or expenditure of capital. State approvals are generally issued for specified maximum expenditures and require implementation of the proposal within a specified period of time. Failure to obtain the necessary state approval can result in the inability to provide the service, to operate the centers, to complete the acquisition, addition, or other change, and can also result in sanctions or adverse action on the center's license and adverse reimbursement action. There can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain Certificate of Need approval for all future projects requiring the approval, or that approvals will be timely.

Due to the high-risk circumstances in which we conduct business, we may encounter liability claims in excess of insurance coverage.

The provision of health care services entails an inherent risk of liability. In recent years, participants in the long-term care industry have become subject to an increasing number of lawsuits alleging malpractice or related legal theories, many of which involve large claims and significant defense costs. We currently maintain \$1,000,000 in liability insurance for any one exposure. This insurance is intended to cover malpractice and other lawsuits. Although we believe that it is in keeping with industry standards, there can be no assurance that claims in excess of our limits will not arise. Any such successful claims could have a material adverse effect upon our financial condition and results of operations. Claims against us, regardless of their merit or eventual outcome, may also have a material adverse effect upon our ability to attract and retain business. In addition, our insurance policies must be renewed annually and there

can be no assurance that we will be able to retain coverage in the future or, if coverage is available, that it will be available on acceptable terms.

We encounter intense competition from competitors, many of whom have greater resources than AdCare.

The long-term care industry is highly competitive and we believe that it will become even more competitive in the future. Our assisted living facilities and nursing homes compete with numerous companies providing similar long-term care alternatives, such as home health care agencies, community-based service programs, retirement communities and convalescent centers, and other assisted living providers. We compete with national companies such as HCR Manor Care, Alterra and Extended Care with respect to both our nursing home and assisted living facilities. We also compete with locally owned entities as well as Health Care Facilities-HCF on a regional basis. Historically, we have found that the entry of one or more of these competitors into one of our established markets can reduce both our occupancy and the rates we are able to charge to our customers. In the past, we have found national publicly traded competitors who are willing to enter into a market already served by us. When these competitors experienced lower than expected occupancies, they relied on their greater financial resources to reduce their rates in order to increase occupancy. This resulted in our occupancies decreasing below expected levels. Eventually, demographics improved and rates stabilized. However, there can be no assurance that similar events will not occur in the future which could limit our ability to attract residents or expand our business and that could have a negative effect on our financial condition, results of operations, and prospects. We can provide no assurance that competitive pressures will not have a material adverse effect on us.

The home health care business is also highly competitive. Since we first acquired Assured Health Care in 2005, its operations remain relatively centralized in the Dayton, Ohio area. However, in that area, Assured faces competition from several sources including, without limitation, Fidelity Nursing Home Systems, Kettering Network Home Care, GEM City Home Care, Greene Memorial Hospital Home Care, and Community Springfield.

Our business is very labor intensive, we operate in smaller markets with limited personnel resources, and our success is tied to our ability to attract and retain qualified employees.

We compete with other providers of home health care, nursing home care, and assisted living with respect to attracting and retaining qualified personnel. We depend on the availability of Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses to provide skilled care to our nursing home residents. According to the Ohio Hospital Association, the supply of nurses nationwide is predicted to be 800,000 short of demand by 2020. Another study conducted by Dr. David I. Auerbach for the journal *Health Affairs* estimated the shortage to increase to 340,000 by 2020. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, "employment of registered nurses is expected to grow 23 percent [or 587,000 jobs] from 2006 to 2016, much faster than the average for all occupations". The Bureau of Labor Statistics also reports "employment of LPNs is expected to grow 14 percent [or 105,000 jobs] between 2006 and 2016, faster than the average for all occupations, in response to the long-term care needs of an increasing elderly population and the general increase in demand for health care services". While the experts may not agree on the size of the shortage, they all appear to agree that there is and will continue to be a shortage. Because of the small markets in which we operate, shortages of nurses and/or trained personnel may require us to enhance our wage and benefit package in order to compete and lure qualified employees from more metropolitan areas. To date, we have been able to adequately staff all of our operations. However, we can provide no assurance that our labor costs will not increase, or that, if they do increase, they can be matched by corresponding increases in revenues.

We are dependent on our management team and the loss of any of these individuals would harm our business.

Our future success depends largely upon the management experience, skill, and contacts of our officers and directors, in particular, David A. Tenwick, our Chairman, Gary L. Wade, our President and CEO, Scott Cunningham, our Chief Financial Officer, and Christopher Brogdon, our Vice-Chairman and Chief Acquisitions Officer. Mr. Wade, Mr. Cunningham, and Mr. Tenwick have each signed employment contracts that are effective through September 2011.

Mr. Brogdon is not currently a party to an employment contract with us. Loss of the services of any or all of these officers could be materially detrimental to our operations. In addition, due to the location of our corporate headquarters in a smaller urban region, we may experience difficulty attracting senior managers in the future.

Our business is largely dependent on short-term management contracts that may not be renewed from year to year.

For the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, approximately 7.0% and 7.2%, respectively, of our total revenues were generated from management contracts to manage senior living and long-term care facilities. These contracts generally have terms of three years with options to renew at the end of the term. Each contract can be terminated without cause by either party on nine months notice and may be terminated earlier for cause. There can be no assurance that the contracts will be renewed at the end of the present terms, or that our customers will not exercise their ability to terminate the contracts earlier. Our home healthcare business enters into one year contracts with various agencies to provide home care services to clients and members of those agencies. There can be no assurance that existing contracts will be renewed in 2010 or later.

We own multiple parcels of real estate and could be subject to environmental liability for hazardous substances found on any of those parcels, whether or not we caused the contamination.

While we are not aware of any potential problems at this time, we own multiple parcels of real estate, each of which is subject to various federal, state, and local environmental laws, ordinances, and regulations. Many of these laws and regulations provide that a current or previous owner of real property may be held liable for the cost of removing hazardous or toxic substances, including materials containing asbestos that would be located on, in, or under the property. These laws and regulations often impose liability whether or not the owner or operator knew, or was responsible for, the presence of the hazardous or toxic substances. The cost of the removal is generally not limited under the laws and regulations and could exceed the property's value and the aggregate assets of the owner or operator. The presence of these substances or failure to remediate such substances properly may also adversely affect the owner's ability to sell or rent the property or to borrow using the property as collateral. If any of our properties were found to have environmental issues, we may be required to expend significant amounts to rehabilitate the property and we may be subject to significant liability.

The price of our securities may be subject to fluctuation.

The market price of our common stock and warrants will likely be highly volatile and subject to wide fluctuations in response to various factors, many of which are beyond our control. These factors include:

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variations in our operating results;

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changes in the general economy, and more specifically the Ohio economy or in the local economies in which we operate;

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the financial markets; the state and length of the present bear market and when the market may recover;

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the departure of any of our key executive officers and directors;

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the level and quality of securities analysts' coverage for our common stock;

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announcements by us or our competition of significant acquisitions, strategic partnerships, joint ventures or capital commitments;

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changes in federal, state, and local health-care regulations to which we are subject; and

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future sales of our common stock.

For these reasons, comparing our operating results on a period-to-period basis may not be meaningful, and you should not rely on past results as an indication of future performance.

Our management substantially controls all major decisions.

Our directors and officers beneficially own approximately 40.5% of our outstanding common shares. Therefore, our directors and officers will be able to influence major corporate actions required to be voted on by stockholders, such as the election of directors, the amendment of our charter documents, and the approval of significant corporate transactions such as mergers, reorganizations, sales of substantially all of our assets, and liquidation. Furthermore, our directors will be able to make decisions affecting our capital structure, including decisions to issue additional capital stock, implement stock repurchase programs and incur indebtedness. This control may have the effect of deterring hostile takeovers, delaying or preventing changes in control or changes in management, or limiting the ability of our other stockholders to approve transactions that they may deem to be in their best interest.

As we expand our operations, we may open or manage facilities that are geographically near other facilities that we operate or manage.

While the facilities that we own and manage are sufficiently well-spaced so that they do not currently compete for business, there can be no assurance in the future, as we grow, that circumstances will not arise where facilities which we own and/or manage will compete with each other for patients. If this were to occur, it may damage our relationships with facilities that we manage that could result in the termination of our management agreements.

The requirements of being a public company may strain our resources and distract our management.

As a public company, we are subject to the reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. These requirements

may place a strain on our systems and resources. The Exchange Act requires that we file annual, quarterly and current reports with respect to our business and financial condition. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires that we maintain effective disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls for financial reporting. We are required to document and test our internal control procedures in order to satisfy the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, which requires annual management assessments of the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting and, although not currently required, a report by our independent registered public accountants addressing these assessments. During the course of our testing, we may identify deficiencies which we may not be able to remediate in time to meet the deadline imposed by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for compliance with the requirements of Section 404. In addition, if we fail to achieve and maintain the adequacy of our internal controls, as such standards are modified, supplemented or amended from time to time, we may not be able to ensure that we can conclude on an ongoing basis that we have effective internal controls over financial reporting in accordance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

In order to maintain and improve the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting, significant resources and management oversight is required. This may divert management's attention from other business concerns, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. In addition, we may need to hire additional accounting and financial staff with appropriate public company experience and technical accounting knowledge, and we cannot assure you that we will be able to do so in a timely fashion

Takeover defense provisions may adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

Various provisions of Ohio corporation law and of our corporate governance documents may inhibit changes in control not approved by our Board of Directors and may have the effect of depriving our investors of an opportunity to receive a premium over the prevailing market price of our common stock in the event of an attempted hostile takeover. In addition, the existence of these provisions may adversely affect the market price of our common stock and warrants. These provisions include:

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a requirement that special meetings of stockholders be called by our Board of Directors, the Chairman, the President, or the holders of shares with voting power of at least 25%;

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staggered terms among our directors with these classes of directors and only one class to be elected each year;

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advance notice requirements for stockholder proposals and nominations; and

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availability of blank check preferred stock.

Provisions in our bylaws provide for indemnification of officers and directors, which could require us to direct funds away from our business and future products.

Our Articles of Incorporation and Code of Regulations provide for the indemnification of our officers and directors. We may be required to advance costs incurred by an officer or director and to pay judgments, fines and expenses incurred by an officer or director, including reasonable attorneys' fees, as a result of actions or proceedings in which

our officers and directors are involved by reason of being or having been an officer or director of our company. Funds paid in satisfaction of judgments, fines and expenses may be funds we need for the operation of our business and the development of our product candidates, thereby affecting our ability to attain or maintain profitability.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements provide our current expectations or forecasts of future events. Forward-looking statements include statements about our expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, intentions, assumptions and other statements that are not historical facts. Words or phrases such as anticipate, believe, continue, ongoing, estimate, expect, intend, may, plan, potential, predict, or phrases, or the negatives of those words or phrases, may identify forward-looking statements, but the absence of these words does not necessarily mean that a statement is not forward-looking.

The risk factors referred to in this prospectus could materially and adversely affect our business, financial conditions and results of operations and cause actual results or outcomes to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements made by us, and you should not place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements. The risks and uncertainties described in this prospectus are not the only ones we face. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict which will arise. There may be additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently believe are immaterial to our business. In addition, we cannot assess the impact of each factor on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. If any such risks occur, our business, operating results, liquidity and financial condition could be materially affected in an adverse manner. Under such circumstances, you may lose all or part of your investment.

The industry and market data contained in this prospectus are based either on our management's own estimates or, where indicated, independent industry publications, reports by governmental agencies or market research firms or other published independent sources and, in each case, are believed by our management to be reasonable estimates. However, industry and market data is subject to change and cannot always be verified with complete certainty due to limits on the availability and reliability of raw data, the voluntary nature of the data gathering process and other limitations and uncertainties inherent in any statistical survey of market shares. We have not independently verified market and industry data from third-party sources. In addition, consumption patterns and customer preferences can and do change. As a result, you should be aware that market share, ranking and other similar data set forth herein, and estimates and beliefs based on such data, may not be verifiable or reliable.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the securities by the selling security holders. We may receive proceeds from the issuance of shares of common stock upon the exercise of the warrants and options, if exercised for cash. We intend to use any proceeds from exercise of the warrants and options for working capital and other general corporate purposes.

There is no assurance that any of the warrants or options will ever be exercised for cash, if at all. If all of the outstanding warrants and options are exercised for cash at the initial exercise price, we would receive aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$12,864,084.

SELLING SECURITYHOLDERS

The following securities are being registered for resale on behalf of the selling securityholders identified herein (1) 1,382,500 Private Placement Warrants issued in a Private Placement on December 8, 2009, (2) 171,378 shares of common stock, no par value, comprising the Management Restricted Stock issued to certain officers and directors of the Company on November 30, 2009, (3) 20,000 shares of common stock, no par value, comprising the Rookwood Restricted Stock issued to Rookwood on April 14, 2008, (4) 70,300 shares of common stock, no par value, issued to Newbridge in connection with our initial public offering, (5) 70,300 Warrants issued to Newbridge in connection with our initial public offering, and (6) up to 4,990,339 shares of common stock, no par value, issuable upon the exercise of the certain warrants and options, consisting of (i) 1,382,500 shares of common stock underlying the Private Placement Warrants, (ii) 1,406,000 shares of common stock underlying the IPO Warrants, (iii) 1,811,539 shares of common stock underlying the Securityholder Warrants, (iv) 70,300 shares of common stock underlying the Newbridge Warrants, (v) 120,000 shares of common stock underlying stock options granted to certain officers and directors pursuant to the 2004 Stock Option Plan, and (vi) 200,000 shares of common stock underlying stock options granted pursuant to the 2005 Stock Option Plan.

To the extent permitted by law, the selling securityholders listed below may resell the securities registered pursuant to this prospectus. The following table sets forth the securities, including the underlying common stock, beneficially owned by the selling securityholders as of March 31, 2010. The selling securityholders are not making any representation that any securities registered by this prospectus will be offered for sale. The selling securityholders reserve the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, any proposed sale of registered pursuant to this prospectus. The following table assumes that all of the securities being registered pursuant to this prospectus will be sold.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and includes voting or investment power with respect to shares of common stock. Unless otherwise indicated below, to our knowledge, all persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares of common stock and other securities beneficially owned by them. The inclusion of any securities in this table does not constitute an admission of beneficial ownership for the person named below.

Name of Selling Securityholder	Number of Private Placement Warrants Beneficially Owned Prior to Offering	Number of Private Placement Warrants Offered	Number of Private Placement Warrants Beneficially Owned After Offering	% of Class Before Offering	Relationship with AdCare
Margaret M. Bathgate	50,000	50,000	0	3.6	A
Travis L. Abbott	25,000	25,000	0	1.8	A
	45,000	45,000	0	3.3	B

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Eugene C. McColley IRA					
Robert L. Burrell & Cecilia S. Burrell (JT TEN)	5,000	5,000	0	.4	
Mark I. Berkowitz	30,000	30,000	0	2.2	
Linda C. Berkowitz	15,000	15,000	0	1.1	
Bruce M. Berkowitz Retirement	40,000	40,000	0	2.9	
Michael Paul Moore	12,500	12,500	0	.9	
Michael E. Donnelly	12,500	12,500	0	.9	B
Daniel MacDonald	12,500	12,500	0	.9	
Petta Family Partnership LTD	112,500	112,500	0	8.1	
Thomas D. Wolf	5,000	5,000	0	.4	
Delaware Charter G&T Co. TTEE FBO Kim J. Gloystein IRA	10,000	10,000	0	.7	
Delaware Charter G&T Co. TTEE FBO Lawrence E. Bathgate IRA	10,000	10,000	0	.7	B
Delaware Charter G&T Co. TTEE FBO James C. Cohig IRA	12,500	12,500	0	.9	
Delaware Charter G&T Co. TTEE FBO Steven M. Bathgate IRA	25,000	25,000	0	1.8	B
Delaware Charter G&T Co. TTEE FBO J. Scott Lio lios IRA	25,000	25,000	0	1.8	C
Delaware Charter G&T Co TTEE FBO Brian Curd IRA	5,000	5,000	0	.4	
Connie Burwell White & William W. White Foundation	25,000	25,000	0	1.8	
William D. Moreland	130,000	130,000	0	9.4	
Frank H. DiCristina III	25,000	25,000	0	1.8	
Peter L. Siegel	12,500	12,500	0		