PROMISSORY NOTE

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Borrower:

AdCare Health Systems, Inc.

5057 Troy Road Springfield, OH 45502-9032

Lender:

THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK Springfield Commercial Lending P. O. Box 341470 - NC1W25 Columbus, OH 43234-9909

Principal Amount: \$300,000.00

Initial Rate: 7.359%

Date of Note: October 17, 2008

PROMISE TO PAY. AdCare Health Systems, Inc. ("Borrower") promises to pay to THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK ("Lender"), or order, in lawful money of the United States of America, the principal amount of Three Hundred Thousand & 00/100 Dollars (\$300,000.00) or so much as may be outstanding, together with interest on the unpaid outstanding principal balance of each advance. Interest shall be calculated from the date of each advance until repayment of each advance.

PAYMENT. Borrower will pay this loan in accordance with the following payment schedule:

Subject to any payment changes resulting from changes in the Index, Borrower will pay this loan in accordance with the following payment schedule, with interest calculated on the unpaid principal balances as provided in the VARIABLE INTEREST RATE section below; 4 monthly consecutive interest payments. beginning November 1, 2008; 95 monthly consecutive principal payments of \$3,125.00 each, beginning March 1, 2009; 95 monthly consecutive interest payments, beginning March 1, 2009; and one principal and interest payment of \$3,144.80 on February 1, 2017. This estimated final payment is based on the assumption that all payments will be made exactly as scheduled and that the Index does not change; the actual final payment will be for all principal and accrued interest not yet paid, together with any other unpaid amounts under this Note. with any other unpaid amounts under this Note.

Unless otherwise agreed or required by applicable law, payments will be applied first to any accrued unpaid interest; then to principal; then to any unpaid collection costs; and then to any late charges. The annual interest rate for this Note is computed on a 365/360 basis; that is, by applying the ratio of the annual interest rate over a year of 360 days, multiplied by the outstanding principal balance, multiplied by the actual number of days the principal balance is outstanding. Borrower will pay Lender at Lender's address shown above or at such other place as Lender may designate in writing.

VARIABLE INTEREST RATE. The interest rate on this Note is subject to change from time to time based on changes in an independent index which is the Daily Fluctuating LIBO Rate. As used herein, Daily Fluctuating LIBO Rate shall mean the rate obtained by dividing: (1) the actual or estimated per annum rate, or the arithmetic mean of the per annum rate, or the per Assoc. Interest Rate Settlement Rates, of the Reuters America Network, a service of Reuters America Inc. (or such other page that may replace that page on that service for the purpose of displaying LIBO rates; or, if such service ceases to be available or ceases to be used by Lender, such other reasonably comparable money rate service as Lender may select) or upon information obtained from any other reasonable procedure, on each date the Daily Fluctuating LIBO Rate is determined; by (2) an amount equal to one minus the stated maximum rate (expressed as a decimal), if any, of all reserve requirements (including, without limitation, any marginal, emergency, supplemental, special or other reserves) that is specified on each date the Daily Fluctuating LIBO Rate is determined by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (or any successor agency thereto) for determining the maximum reserve requirement with respect to eurocurrency funding (currently referred to as "Eurocurrency liabilities" in Regulation D of such Board) maintained by a member bank of system, or any other regulations of any governmental authority having jurisdiction with respect thereto, all as conclusively determined by/tender, absent manifest error, such result to be rounded up, if necessary, to the nearest whole multiple of one-six centrol of the process of the person of the system of the shall change automatically without notice to Borrower immediately on each day with each change in the Daily Fluctuating LIBD hate of the reserve requirement, as applicable, with any change thereto effective as of the opening of business on the day of the change the of the reserve requirement, as applicable, with any change thereto effective as of the opening of business on the day of the change there on its leaps. If the lodey becomes upayailable during the term of this leap. Lender may designate a substitute index after notifying Borrower. on its loans. If the Index becomes unavailable during the term of this loan, Lender may designate a substitute index after notifying Borrower. Lender will tell Borrower the current Index rate upon Borrower's request. The interest rate change will not occur more often than each day. Borrower understands that Lender may make loans based on other rates as well. The Index currently is 4.359% per annum. The interest rate to be applied to the unpaid principal balance during this Note will be at a rate of 3.000 percentage points over the Index, resulting in an initial rate of 7.359% per annum. NOTICE: Under no circumstances will the interest rate on this Note be more than the maximum rate allowed by applicable law.

PREPAYMENT. Borrower agrees that all loan fees and other prepaid finance charges are earned fully as of the date of the loan and will not be subject to refund upon early payment (whether voluntary or as a result of default), except as otherwise required by law. Except for the foregoing, Borrower may pay without penalty all or a portion of the amount owed earlier than it is due. Early payments will not, unless agreed to by Lender in writing, relieve Borrower of Borrower's obligation to continue to make payments of accrued unpaid interest. Rather, early payments will reduce the principal balance due. Borrower agrees not to send Lender payments marked "paid in full", "without recourse", or similar language. If Borrower sends such a payment, Lender may accept it without losing any of Lender's rights under this Note, and Borrower will remain obligated to pay any further amount owed to Lender. All written communications concerning disputed amounts, including any check or other payment instrument that indicates that the payment constitutes "payment in full" of the amount owed or that is tendered with other conditions or limitations or as full satisfaction of a disputed amount must be mailed or delivered to: The Huntington National Bank, Commercial Customer Support, 2361 Morse Road - NC1W26 Columbus, OH 43229.

LATE CHARGE. If a payment is 11 days or more late, Borrower will be charged 5.000% of the regularly scheduled payment.

INTEREST AFTER DEFAULT. Upon default, including failure to pay upon final maturity, the interest rate on this Note shall be increased by adding a 3.000 percentage point margin ("Default Rate Margin"). The Default Rate Margin shall also apply to each succeeding interest rate change that would have applied had there been no default. However, in no event will the interest rate exceed the maximum interest rate limitations under applicable law

DEFAULT. Each of the following shall constitute an event of default ("Event of Default") under this Note:

Payment Default. Borrower fails to make any payment when due under this Note.

Other Defaults. Borrower fails to comply with or to perform any other term, obligation, covenant or condition contained in this Note or in any of the related documents or to comply with or to perform any term, obligation, covenant or condition contained in any other agreement between Lender and Borrower.

Default in Favor of Third Parties. Borrower or any Grantor defaults under any loan, extension of credit, security agreement, purchase or sales agreement, or any other agreement, in favor of any other creditor or person that may materially affect any of Borrower's property or Borrower's ability to repay this Note or perform Borrower's obligations under this Note or any of the related documents.

False Statements. Any warranty, representation or statement made or furnished to Lender by Borrower or on Borrower's behalf under this Note or the related documents is false or misleading in any material respect, either now or at the time made or furnished or becomes false or misleading at any time thereafter.

Insolvency. The dissolution or termination of Borrower's existence as a going business, the insolvency of Borrower, the appointment of a receiver for any part of Borrower's property, any assignment for the benefit of creditors, any type of creditor workout, or the commencement of any proceeding under any bankruptcy or insolvency laws by or against Borrower.

Creditor or Forfeiture Proceedings. Commencement of foreclosure or forfeiture proceedings, whether by judicial proceeding, self-help, repossession or any other method, by any creditor of Borrower or by any governmental agency against any collateral securing the loan. This includes a garnishment of any of Borrower's accounts, including deposit accounts, with Lender. However, this Event of Default shall not apply if there is a good faith dispute by Borrower as to the validity or reasonableness of the claim which is the basis of the creditor or forfeiture proceeding and deposits with Lender monies or a surety bond for the creditor or forfeiture proceeding, in an amount determined by Lender, in its sole discretion, as being an adequate reserve or bond for the dispute.

Events Affecting Guarantor. Any of the preceding events occurs with respect to any guarantor, endorser, surety, or accommodation party of any of the indebtedness or any guarantor, endorser, surety, or accommodation party dies or becomes incompetent, or revokes or disputes the validity of, or liability under, any guaranty of the indebtedness evidenced by this Note.

Change In Ownership. Any change in ownership of twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the common stock of Borrower.

Adverse Change. A material adverse change occurs in Borrower's financial condition, or Lender believes the prospect of payment or performance of this Note is impaired.

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Insecurity. Lender in good faith believes itself insecure.

LENDER'S RIGHTS. Upon default, Lender may declare the entire unpaid principal balance under this Note and all accrued unpaid interest immediately due, and then Borrower will pay that amount.

ATTORNEYS' FEES; EXPENSES. Lender may hire or pay someone else to help collect this Note if Borrower does not pay. Borrower will pay Lender that amount. This includes, subject to any limits under applicable law, Lender's attorneys' fees and Lender's legal expenses, whether or not there is a lawsuit, including attorneys' fees, expenses for bankruptcy proceedings (including efforts to modify or vacate any automatic stay or injunction), and appeals. If not prohibited by applicable law, Borrower also will pay any court costs, in addition to all other sums provided by law.

JURY WAIVER. Lender and Borrower hereby waive the right to any jury trial in any action, proceeding, or counterclaim brought by either Lender or Borrower against the other.

GOVERNING LAW. This Note will be governed by federal law applicable to Lender and, to the extent not preempted by federal law, the laws of the State of Ohio without regard to its conflicts of law provisions. This Note has been accepted by Lender in the State of Ohio.

CONFESSION OF JUDGMENT. Borrower hereby irrevocably authorizes and empowers any attorney-at-law, including an attorney hired by Lender, to appear in any court of record and to confess judgment against Borrower for the unpaid amount of this Note as evidenced by an affidavit signed by an officer of Lender setting forth the amount then due, attorneys' fees plus costs of suit, and to release all errors, and waive all rights of appeal. If a copy of this Note, verified by an affidavit, shall have been filed in the proceeding, it will not be necessary to file the original as a warrant of attorney. Borrower waives the right to any stay of execution and the benefit of all exemption laws now or hereafter in effect. No single exercise of the foregoing warrant and power to confess judgment will be deemed to exhaust the power, whether or not any such exercise shall be held by any court to be invalid, voidable, or void; but the power will continue undiminished and may be exercised from time to time as Lender may elect until all amounts owing on this Note have been paid in full. Borrower waives any conflict of interest that an attorney hired by Lender may have in acting on behalf of Borrower in confessing judgment against Borrower while such attorney is retained by Lender. Borrower expressly consents to such attorney acting for Borrower in confessing judgment.

DISHONORED ITEM FEE. Borrower will pay a fee to Lender of \$15.00 if Borrower makes a payment on Borrower's loan and the check or preauthorized charge with which Borrower pays is later dishonored.

RIGHT OF SETOFF. To the extent permitted by applicable law, Lender reserves a right of setoff in all Borrower's accounts with Lender (whether checking, savings, or some other account). This includes all accounts Borrower holds jointly with someone else and all accounts Borrower may open in the future. However, this does not include any IRA or Keogh accounts, or any trust accounts for which setoff would be prohibited by law. Borrower authorizes Lender, to the extent permitted by applicable law, to charge or setoff all sums owing on the indebtedness against any and all such accounts.

LINE OF CREDIT. This Note evidences a straight line of credit. Once the total amount of principal has been advanced, Borrower is not entitled to further loan advances. Advances under this Note, as well as directions for payment from Borrower's accounts, may be requested orally or in writing by Borrower or by an authorized person. Lender may, but need not, require that all oral requests be confirmed in writing. Borrower agrees to be liable for all sums either: (A) advanced in accordance with the instructions of an authorized person or (B) credited to any of Borrower's accounts with Lender. The unpaid principal balance owing on this Note at any time may be evidenced by endorsements on this Note or by Lender's internal records, including daily computer print-outs. Lender will have no obligation to advance funds under this Note if: (A) Borrower or any guarantor is in default under the terms of this Note or any agreement that becrower or any guarantor has with Lender, including any agreement made in connection with the signing of this Note; (B) Borrower or any guarantor ceases doing business or is insolvent; (C) any guarantor seeks, claims or otherwise attempts to limit, modify or revoke such guarantor's guarantee of this Note or any other loan with Lender; (D) Borrower has applied funds provided pursuant to this late for purposes other than those authorized by Lender; or (E) Lender in good faith believes itself insecure.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. Borrower agrees to furnish from time to time on the request of the Lender true and complete financial statements and such other information as the Lender may reasonably require.

PROCESSING FEE. Borrower shall pay to Lender on the date of this Note a processing fee in the amount of \$0.00. Lender and Borrower agree that the fee shall be fully earned by Lender on the date of this Note.

PAYMENT DATES. If the due date of any payment under this Note shall be a day that is not a Banking Day (as defined herein), the due date shall be extended to the next succeeding Banking Day; provided, however, that if such next succeeding Banking Day occurs in the following calendar month, then the due date shall be the immediately preceding Banking Day.

DETERMINATION OF INDEX. This Note expresses an initial interest rate and an initial index value to 3 places to the right of the decimal point. This expression is done solely for convenience. The reference sources for the index used by Lender, as stated in this Note, may actually quote the index on any given day to as many as 5 places to the right of the decimal point. Therefore, the actual index value used to calculate the interest rate on and the amount of interest due under this Note will be to 5 places to the right of the decimal point.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES REQUIRED BY THE USA PATRIOT ACT. To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each entity or person who opens an account or establishes a relationship with the Lender.

What this means: When an entity or person opens an account or establishes a relationship with the Lender, the Lender may ask for the name, address, date of birth, and other information that will allow the Lender to identify the entity or person who opens an account or establishes a relationship with the Lender. The Lender may also ask to see identifying documents for the entity or person.

EARLY TERMINATION FEE. If the loan evidenced by this Note is canceled or paid by Borrower before the maturity date Borrower shall pay to Lender an early termination fee equal \$250.00.

SPECIAL LIBO RATE PROVISION. In the event that Lender reasonably determines that by reason of (a) any change arising after the date of this Note affecting the interbank eurocurrency market or affecting the position of Lender with respect to such market, adequate and fair means do not exist for ascertaining the applicable interest rates by reference to which the Daily Fluctuating LIBO Rate then being determined is to be fixed, (b) any change arising after the date of this Note in any applicable law or governmental rule, regulation or order (or any interpretation thereof, including the introduction of any new law or governmental rule, regulation or order), or (c) any other circumstance affecting Lender or the interbank eurocurrency market (such as, but not limited to, official reserve requirements required by Regulation D of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System), the Daily Fluctuating LIBO Rate plus the applicable spread shall not represent the effective pricing to Lender of accruing interest based upon the Daily Fluctuating LIBO Rate, then, and in any such event, the accrual of interest hereunder based upon the Daily Fluctuating LIBO Rate shall be suspended until Lender shall notify Borrower that the circumstances causing such suspension no longer exist and beginning on the date of such suspension interest shall accrue hereunder at a variable rate of interest per annum, which shall change in the manner set forth below, equal to 3.00 percentage points (which shall be 0.00 percentage points, unless completed) in excess of the Prime Commercial Rate (as hereinafter defined).

In the event that on any date Lender shall have reasonably determined that accruing interest hereunder based upon the Daily Fluctuating LIBO Rate has become unlawful by compliance by Lender in good faith with any law, governmental rule, regulation or order, then, and in any such event, Lender shall promptly give notice thereof to Borrower. In such case, when required by law, interest shall accrue hereunder at a variable rate of interest per annum, which shall change in the manner set forth below, equal to 3.00 percentage points (which shall be 0.00 percentage points, unless completed) in excess of the Prime Commercial Rate.

As used herein, Prime Commercial Rate shall mean the rate established by Lender from time to time based on its consideration of economic, money market, business and competitive factors, and it is not necessarily Lender's most favored rate. Subject to any maximum or minimum interest rate limitation specified herein or by applicable law, any variable rate of interest on the obligation evidenced hereby based upon the Prime Commercial Rate shall change automatically without notice to Borrower immediately with each change in the Prime Commercial Rate with any change thereto effective as of the opening of business on the day of the change. If during any period of time while interest is accruing hereunder based upon the Prime Commercial Rate the obligation evidenced by this Note is not paid at maturity, whether maturity occurs by lapse of time, demand, acceleration or otherwise, the unpaid principal balance and any unpaid interest thereon shall, thereafter until paid, bear interest at a rate equal to 3.00 percentage points (which shall be 0.00 percentage points, unless completed) in excess of the rate indicated in the immediately preceding two paragraphs.

If, due to (a) the introduction of or any change in or in the interpretation of any law or regulation, (b) the compliance with any guideline or request from any central bank or other public authority (whether or not having the force of law), or (c) the failure of Borrower to pay any amount when required by the terms of this Note, there shall be any loss or increase in the cost to Lender of accruing interest hereunder based upon the Daily Fluctuating LIBO Rate, then Borrower agrees that Borrower shall, from time to time, upon demand by Lender, pay to Lender additional amounts sufficient to compensate Lender for such loss or increased cost. A certificate as to the amount of such loss or increase cost, submitted to Borrower by Lender, shall be conclusive evidence, absent manifest error, of the correctness of such amount.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT. Borrower covenants and agrees to establish and maintain all of Borrower's operating deposit accounts with Lender.

PAYMENT CHANGES. The payment amount set forth above is computed based upon a eight (8) year level monthly amortization schedule and the assumption that all payments will be paid on their due date. On each Interest Rate Adjustment Date, wherein the interest rate changes, the monthly payment amount shall be increased or decreased, as the case may be, to a new payment equal to the monthly amount it would take to fully amortize this Note based upon the time remaining from the aforesaid original amortization schedule and the assumption that all payments will be paid on their due date.

DRAW PERIOD. The proceeds of the loan evidenced hereby may be advanced in partial amounts during the term hereof and prior to maturity, and no partial advance shall be made after February 1, 2009.

SUCCESSOR INTERESTS. The terms of this Note shall be binding upon Borrower, and upon Borrower's heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of Lender and its successors and assigns.

GENERAL PROVISIONS. If any part of this Note cannot be enforced, this fact will not affect the rest of the Note. Borrower does not agree or intend to pay, and Lender does not agree or intend to contract for, charge, collect, take, reserve or receive (collectively referred to herein as "charge or collect"), any amount in the nature of interest or in the nature of a fee for this loan, which would in any way or event (including demand, prepayment, or acceleration) cause Lender to charge or collect more for this loan than the maximum Lender would be permitted to charge or collect by federal law or the law of the State of Ohio (as applicable). Any such excess interest or unauthorized fee shall, instead of anything stated to the contrary, be applied first to reduce the principal balance of this loan, and when the principal has been paid in full, be refunded to Borrower. Lender may delay or forgo enforcing any of its rights or remedies under this Note without losing them. Borrower and any other person who signs, guarantees or endorses this Note, to the extent allowed by law, waive presentment, demand for payment, and notice of dishonor. Upon any change in the terms of this Note, and unless otherwise expressly stated in writing, no party who signs this Note, whether as maker, guarantor, accommodation maker or endorser, shall be released from liability. All such parties agree that Lender may renew or extend (repeatedly and for any length of time) this loan or release any party or guarantor or collateral; or impair, fail to realize upon or perfect Lender's security interest in the collateral; and take any other action deemed necessary by Lender without the consent of or notice to anyone. All such parties also agree that Lender may modify this loan without the consent of or notice to anyone other than the party with whom the modification is made. The obligations under this Note are joint and several.

PRIOR TO SIGNING THIS NOTE, BORROWER READ AND UNDERSTOOD ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THIS NOTE, INCLUDING THE VARIABLE INTEREST RATE PROVISIONS. BORROWER AGREES TO THE TERMS OF THE NOTE.

BORROWER ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF A COMPLETED COPY OF THIS PROMISSORY NOTE.

NOTICE: FOR THIS NOTICE "YOU" MEANS THE BORROWER AND "CREDITOR" AND "HIS" MEANS LENDER.

WARNING - BY SIGNING THIS PAPER YOU GIVE UP YOUR RIGHT TO NOTICE AND COURT TRIAL. IF YOU DO NOT PAY ON TIME A COURT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR PRIOR KNOWLEDGE AND THE POWERS OF A COURT CAN BE USED TO COLLECT FROM YOU REGARDLESS OF ANY CLAIMS YOU MAY HAVE AGAINST THE CREDITOR WHETHER FOR RETURNED GOODS, FAULTY GOODS, FAILURE ON HIS PART TO COMPLY WITH THE AGREEMENT, OR ANY OTHER CAUSE.

BORROWER:

ADCARE HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

Gary L. Wade, President of A

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