

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Mail Stop 3720

September 01, 2017

Stephen Farber Chief Financial Officer Kindred Healthcare, Inc. 680 South Fourth Street Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Re: Kindred Healthcare, Inc.

Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

Filed February 28, 2017 File No. 001-14057

Dear Mr. Farber:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Sincerely,

/s/ Carlos Pacho

Carlos Pacho Senior Assistant Chief Accountant AD Office 11 – Telecommunications