

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

**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

**PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(a)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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**KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC.**

(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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\*\*\* Exercise Your *Right to Vote* \*\*\*  
Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on May 24, 2017



KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC.  
680 SOUTH FOURTH STREET  
LOUISVILLE, KY 40202

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting  
**For holders as of:** March 29, 2017  
**Date:** May 24, 2017      **Time:** 9:00 a.m., local time  
**Location:** Four Seasons Hotel New York Downtown  
27 Barclay Street  
New York, New York 10007

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the company named above.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote your shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.**

— Before You Vote —  
How to Access the Proxy Materials

**Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT                      ANNUAL REPORT/FORM 10-K

**How to View Online:**

Have the 16-Digit Control Number available (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

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- 1) *BY INTERNET:*            [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)
- 2) *BY TELEPHONE:*        1-800-579-1639
- 3) *BY E-MAIL\*:*            [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

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Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before May 10, 2017 to facilitate timely delivery.

— How To Vote —  
Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** If you choose to vote these shares in person, you will receive a ballot to vote these shares. Driving directions to the annual meeting can be found along with the proxy materials at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Have the 16-Digit Control Number available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

**Voting Items**

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following nominees:**

1. Election of Directors  
**Nominees:**
  - 1a. Joel Ackerman
  - 1b. Jonathan D. Blum
  - 1c. Benjamin A. Breier
  - 1d. Paul J. Diaz
  - 1e. Heyward R. Donigan
  - 1f. Richard Goodman
  - 1g. Christopher T. Hjelm
  - 1h. Frederick J. Kleisner
  - 1i. Sharad Mansukani, M.D.
  - 1j. Lynn Simon, M.D.
  - 1k. Phyllis R. Yale

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposals:**

2. PROPOSAL TO APPROVE, ON AN ADVISORY BASIS, THE COMPANY'S EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PROGRAM.

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote 1 year on the following proposal:**

3. PROPOSAL TO APPROVE THE FREQUENCY OF THE ADVISORY VOTE TO APPROVE THE COMPENSATION OF THE COMPANY'S NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposals:**

4. PROPOSAL TO APPROVE THE KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC. STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN, AMENDED AND RESTATED.
5. PROPOSAL TO APPROVE THE KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC. EQUITY PLAN FOR NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTORS, AMENDED AND RESTATED.
6. PROPOSAL TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017.

