QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES SCHEDULE II—VALUATION ACCOUNTS AND RESERVES (in thousands)

	Balance at <u>1-1-08</u>	Provision for Doubtful Accounts	Net Deductions and Other	Balance at <u>12-31-08</u>
Year ended December 31, 2008				
Doubtful accounts and allowances	\$250,067	\$326,228	\$314,961(a)	\$261,334
		Provision for		
	Balance at <u>1-1-07</u>	Doubtful Accounts	Net Deductions and Other	Balance at <u>12-31-07</u>
Year ended December 31, 2007				
Doubtful accounts and allowances	\$205,086	\$300,226	\$255,245(a)	\$250,067
		Provision for		
	Balance at <u>1-1-06</u>	Doubtful Accounts	Net Deductions and Other	Balance at <u>12-31-06</u>
Year ended December 31, 2006				
Doubtful accounts and allowances	\$193,754	\$243,443	\$232,111(a)	\$205,086

⁽a) Primarily represents the write-off of accounts receivable, net of recoveries.