

TENET HEALTHCARE CORP  
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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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#### CURRENT REPORT

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Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**Date of Report: December 11, 2002**  
(Date of earliest event reported)

**Commission file number: 1-7293**

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## TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Nevada**  
(State or Incorporation)

**95-2557091**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**3820 State Street**  
**Santa Barbara, California 93105**  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(805) 563-7000**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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#### ITEM 5. *Other Events.*

On December 11, 2002, Tenet Healthcare Corporation (the "Company") announced that its Board of Directors authorized the use of free cash flow to repurchase up to 30 million shares, including the 13.7 million shares that remain under a previous authorization. The Company announced that it will not enter the market until after it announces the results of its second quarter of fiscal 2002, ended November 30, 2002. A press release announcing the stock repurchase is filed as Exhibit 99 hereto.

#### ITEM 7. *Financial Statements And Exhibits.*

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Exhibits

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Press Release dated December 11, 2002, "Tenet to Repurchase 30 Million Shares."

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

By: /s/ LAWRENCE G. HIXON

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Lawrence G. Hixon  
Vice President

Date: December 11, 2002

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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