UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 9, 2005

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of

001-14057 (Commission File Number) 61-1323993 (IRS Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

680 South Fourth Street

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Louisville, Kentucky

(Address of principal executive offices)

40202-2412

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (502) 596-7300

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Incorporated by reference is a press release issued by the Company on February 9, 2005, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. This information is being furnished under Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liability of such section.

Item 9.01.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated February 9, 2005.

SIGNATURES

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

Date: February 10, 2005 By: /s/ Joseph L. Landenwich

Joseph L. Landenwich Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs and Corporate Secretary