

HCA INC/TN  
Form 8-K  
October 22, 2004

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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**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): October 22, 2004

HCA INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	001-11239 (Commission File Number)	75-2497104 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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One Park Plaza, Nashville, Tennessee (Address of principal executive offices)	37203 (Zip Code)
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(615) 344-9551  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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99.1	Press Release dated October 22, 2004

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SIGNATURE

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 hereunto duly authorized.

HCA Inc.

By: /s/ R. MILTON JOHNSON

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R. Milton Johnson  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

DATED: October 22, 2004

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