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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): December 29, 2005 LHC Group, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 8082 (Commission File Number)

71-0918189 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

420 West Pinhook Rd., Suite A, Lafayette, LA (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

70503 (Zip Code)

(337) 233-1307

#### (Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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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EX-99.1 PRESS RELEASE DATED DECEMBER 29, 2005

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 29, 2005, LHC Group, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing its intention to acquire a 67% ownership interest in Infirmary Home Health (Infirmary), a leading provider of home health care services in southwestern Alabama.

The transaction is expected to be completed in early February 2006. Infirmary, a subsidiary of Infirmary Health Systems based in Mobile, Alabama, is expected to report approximately \$8 million in annual revenue for the 2005 fiscal year. Infirmary currently operates two home health care agencies in Alabama, one based in Mobile County and another based in Clark County. The terms of the transaction were undisclosed in accordance with the Company s agreement with Infirmary.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

A copy of the Company s press release concerning intent to acquire Infirmary is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

## **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.

# LHC GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ R. Barr Brown R. Barr Brown Senior Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer

Dated: January 4, 2006

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EXHIBIT NO. DESCRIPTION

99.1 Press Release, dated December 29, 2005