

INDEPENDENCE HOLDING CO

Form 8-K

April 13, 2009

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D. C. 20549

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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): April 8, 2009

INDEPENDENCE HOLDING COMPANY  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	010306 (Commission File Number)	58-1407235 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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96 Cummings Point Road, Stamford, Connecticut (Address of principal executive offices)	06902 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (203) 358-8000

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13a-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b)

On April 8, 2009, Mr. Scott M. Wood tendered his resignation from the position of Co-Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President of Independence Holding Company (“IHC”), effective as of the close of business on April 10, 2009. Simultaneously, Mr. David T. Kettig, previously IHC’s Co-Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President, became IHC’s sole Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President.

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

INDEPENDENCE HOLDING COMPANY

(Registrant)

/s/ Adam C. Vandervoort

Date: April 13, 2009

Adam C. Vandervoort

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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