

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC  
Form 8-K  
January 27, 2006

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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): January 26, 2006

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**KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

**001-14057**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**61-1323993**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**680 South Fourth Street**

**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:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

Incorporated by reference is a press release issued by Kindred Healthcare, Inc. on January 26, 2006, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01.**

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated January 26, 2006.

**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: January 27, 2006

By:

/s/ RICHARD A. LECHLEITER  
**Richard A. Lechleiter**  
**Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer**