HCA INC/TN Form 8-K January 12, 2005

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

#### WASHINGTON, DC 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): January 12, 2005 (January 12, 2005)

#### HCA INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)		
Delaware	001-11239	75-2497104
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer
		Identification No.)
One Park Plaza, Nashville, Tennessee		37203

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (615) 344-9551

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

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#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 12, 2005, HCA Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing, among other matters, its preliminary results of operations for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2004, the text of which is set forth as Exhibit 99.1.

#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On January 12, 2005, the Company issued a press release announcing, among other matters, its preliminary results of operations for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2004, the text of which is set forth as Exhibit 99.1.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

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Exhibit Number	Exhibit Title
99.1	Press Release dated January 12, 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 hereunto duly authorized.

HCA INC.

By: /s/ R. Milton Johnson R. Milton Johnson Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 12, 2005

# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Title
99.1	Press Release dated January 12, 2005