

HCA INC/TN
Form 8-K
August 21, 2006

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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): August 21, 2006 (August 18, 2006)
HCA INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware 001-11239 75-2497104

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
 - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
 - 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 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On August 21, 2006, HCA Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing that the Federal Trade Commission has granted early termination of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, with respect to the previously announced agreement to acquire the Company by a consortium of private equity investment firms.

A copy of the press release issued by the Company announcing the expiration of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, is filed as an exhibit hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated August 21, 2006

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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/ John M. Franck II

Name: John M. Franck II

Title: Vice President and Corporate
Secretary

Date: August 21, 2006

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Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated August 21, 2006