

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC  
Form 8-K  
February 20, 2009

**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): February 19, 2009**

**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)  
  
**680 South Fourth Street**

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

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**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 to 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))

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

On February 19, 2009, Kindred Healthcare, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2008, adjusting its fiscal 2009 earnings guidance and announcing earnings guidance for the first quarter ending March 31, 2009. The press release also announced the Company's expectation that the quarterly allocation of its expected annual 2009 earnings per share should generally be similar to its 2008 quarterly results, excluding disclosed items. In particular, the press release announced the Company's expectation that the typical seasonal weakness in the third quarter will likely result in earnings per share between break-even and \$0.10 for that period. The press release, dated February 19, 2009, is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K. On February 19, 2009, the Company also made the press release available on its website at [www.kindredhealthcare.com](http://www.kindredhealthcare.com).

The information contained herein is being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K, Results of Operations and Financial Condition. This information shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

Incorporated by reference is a press release issued by the Company on February 19, 2009, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. This information is being furnished under Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liability of such section.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated February 19, 2009.

**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: February 20, 2009

By: /s/ Richard A. Lechleiter  
Richard A. Lechleiter  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer