VISTACARE, INC. Form 8-K March 01, 2006

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# 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): March 1, 2006 VISTACARE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

000-50118 (Commission File Number) **06-1521534** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

4800 North Scottsdale Road, Suite 5000 Scottsdale, Arizona 85251

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (480) 648-4545

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD

VistaCare, Inc. has been invited to present at the Citigroup Healthcare Conference, which will take place at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC on Wednesday, March 1, 2006. David W. Elliot, Jr., the Company s President and Chief Operating Officer, is scheduled to discuss the Company s business strategy and historical financial performance. A copy of Mr. Elliot s presentation is furnished as Exhibit 99.01 to this report. In addition, VistaCare will offer a live audio webcast of this presentation which may be accessed at the Company s website at <a href="https://www.VistaCare.com">www.VistaCare.com</a>. An archived replay of the presentation will be available following the live presentation and will also be available at <a href="https://www.VistaCare.com">www.VistaCare.com</a>.

In accordance with general instruction B.2 to Form 8-K, information in this Form 8-K and the exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of such section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Certain statements contained in this report and the exhibit attached hereto, include forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The words believe, anticipate. intend, plan, believe, seek, estimate, expectations, forecast, goal and similar expressions identify forwa statements, which speak only as of the date the statement was made. VistaCare does not undertake and specifically disclaims any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. These statements are based on current expectations and assumptions and involve various risks and uncertainties, which could cause VistaCare s actual results to differ from those expressed in such forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties arise from, among other things, possible changes in regulations governing the hospice care industry, periodic changes in reimbursement levels and procedures under Medicare and Medicaid programs, difficulties predicting patient length of stay and estimating potential Medicare reimbursement obligations, challenges inherent in VistaCare s growth strategy, the current shortage of qualified nurses and other healthcare professionals, VistaCare s dependence on patient referral sources, the ability to mitigate the results of the decertification decision by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the ability to obtain regulatory relief of the decertification decision, the effect upon the Company s revenues, margins or earnings and other factors detailed under the caption Risk Factors in VistaCare s most recent report on Form 10-K and its other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements and there are no assurances that the matters contained in such statements will be achieved.

# Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits Exhibits:

99.01 Presentation by Mr. Elliot in connection with the Citigroup Healthcare Conference on March 1, 2006.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

VISTACARE, INC.

Date: March 1, 2006 By: /s/ Stephen Lewis

Name: Stephen Lewis

Title: Secretary

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