

HCA INC/TN
Form 8-K
December 20, 2002

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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: December 18, 2002
(Date of Earliest Event Reported)

HCA Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Delaware

(State of Incorporation)

001-11239 75-2497104 (*Commission
File Number*) (*I.R.S. Employer*

Identification No.) **One Park Plaza, Nashville, Tennessee 37203** (Address of
principal executive offices) (Zip Code) **(615) 344-9551** (Registrant's telephone
number, including area code)

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Item 5. *Other Events*

On December 18, 2002, HCA Inc. announced an understanding to resolve the remaining issues in the government investigation of the company.

Item 7. *Exhibit*

Exhibit 99 Copy of press release dated December 18, 2002 relating to announcement of understanding to resolve the remaining issues in the government investigation.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and 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.

/s/ JOHN M. FRANCK II

John M. Franck II
Vice President and
Corporate Secretary

DATED: December 19, 2002