

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC  
Form 8-K  
July 18, 2006

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**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): July 17, 2006**

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**KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Delaware</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	<b>001-14057</b> (Commission File Number) <b>680 South Fourth Street</b> <b>Louisville, Kentucky</b> (Address of principal executive offices) <b>40202-2412</b> (Zip Code)	<b>61-1323993</b> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
<b>Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (502) 596-7300</b>		
<b>Not Applicable</b> (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)		

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  - r 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.**

Incorporated by reference is a press release issued by Kindred Healthcare, Inc. on July 17, 2006, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01.**

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated July 17, 2006.

**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: July 18, 2006

By: /s/ Joseph L. Landenwich  
Joseph L. Landenwich

Senior Vice President of Corporate Legal Affairs and

Corporate Secretary