KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC Form 8-K October 23, 2006

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): October 19, 2006

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

001-14057 (Commission File Number) 61-1323993 (IRS Employer

 $of\ incorporation\ or\ organization)$

680 South Fourth Street

Identification No.)

Louisville, Kentucky

(Address of principal executive offices)

40202-2412

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (502) 596-7300

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Not Applicable

 $(Former\ name\ or\ former\ address,\ if\ changed\ since\ last\ report)$

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On October 19, 2006, Kindred Healthcare, Inc. (the Company) entered into an amendment (the Amendment) of its \$400 million Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of June 28, 2004 among the Company, the Lenders party thereto, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (formerly known as JPMorgan Chase Bank), as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent (the Credit Facility).

The Amendment authorizes transactions to acquire eleven unprofitable leased nursing centers for resale and enter into a sale and leaseback transaction involving three hospitals currently owned by the Company.

A copy of the Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1.

Item 9.01.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 10.1 Amendment No. 3 to Credit Agreement dated as of October 19, 2006, to the \$400,000,000 Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of June 28, 2004 among Kindred Healthcare, Inc., the Lenders party thereto, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (formerly known as JPMorgan Chase Bank), as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent.

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: October 23, 2006

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

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