

TENET HEALTHCARE CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 30, 2003

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## FORM 8-K

### CURRENT REPORT

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Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**Date of Report: October 30, 2003**

(Date of earliest event reported)

**Commission file number: 1-7293**

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## TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Nevada**  
(State or Incorporation)

**95-2557091**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**3820 State Street**

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**Santa Barbara, California 93105**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(805) 563-7000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**

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

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ITEM 9. Tenet to Seek Review of California Appellate Court Decision Awarding Damages to a Former Executive

On October 30, 2003, Tenet Healthcare Corporation issued a press release announcing that it will seek review of a California appellate court decision awarding \$253 million in contract damages for failing to provide certain stock incentive awards to a former executive who was terminated 10 years ago. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Stephen D. Farber  
Stephen D. Farber  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 30, 2003

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

99.1 Press Release issued on October 30, 2003

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