UNUMPROVIDENT CORP Form 8-K December 22, 2004

## **UNITED STATES**

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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): December 21, 2004

# **UNUMPROVIDENT CORPORATION**

 $(Exact\ name\ of\ registrant\ as\ specified\ in\ its\ charter)$ 

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of

1-11834 (Commission File Number) 62-1598430 (IRS Employer

incorporation or organization)

**Identification No.)** 

1 Fountain Square

Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

(423) 294-1011

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

#### Not Applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 21, 2004, UnumProvident Corporation announced that the required number of states participating in a multistate market conduct examination relating to disability claims handling practices had signed appropriate documents consenting to regulatory settlement agreements which are now effective. A press release announcing the approval by the states is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is filed with this Report:
  - Press release of UnumProvident Corporation dated December 21, 2004, announcing participating states approval of Multistate Settlement Agreement.

#### **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 hereunto duly authorized.

**UnumProvident Corporation** 

(Registrant)

Date: December 21, 2004. By: /s/ Susan N. Roth

Name: Susan N. Roth

Vice President, Corporate Secretary & Assistant General Counsel

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