

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC  
Form 8-K  
December 15, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 15, 2005**

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**KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**001-14057**  
(Commission File Number)

**61-1323993**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**680 South Fourth Street**

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Louisville, Kentucky

(Address of principal executive offices)

40202-2412

(Zip Code)

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

Not Applicable

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

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  - .. 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 December 15, 2005, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01.**

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated December 15, 2005.

**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: December 15, 2005

By: /s/ Joseph L. Landenwich

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Joseph L. Landenwich  
Senior Vice President of Corporate Legal Affairs and

Corporate Secretary