

MCKESSON CORP  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-A**

**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) or (g) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**McKesson Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-13252

94-3207296

(State of  
incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

McKesson Plaza, One Post Street, San Francisco,  
CA

94104

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(415) 983-8300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General instruction A.(c), check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:  None.

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

**Preferred Stock Purchase Rights**

(Title of Class)

**New York Stock Exchange**

(Exchange)



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**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**ITEM 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.**

In connection with the expiration of the Rights Agreement, dated as of October 21, 1994, by and between McKesson Corporation (as successor to SP Ventures, Inc.) (the Company ) and The Bank of New York, as Rights Agent, which associated Rights (as defined therein) expire on October 21, 2004, the Board of Directors of the Company have approved a plan to renew its rights plan. The Company, therefore, has entered into a Rights Agreement with The Bank of New York, dated as of October 22, 2004 (the Rights Agreement ). The Board of Directors of the Company has declared a dividend distribution of one Right for each outstanding share of Company Common Stock to stockholders of record at the Close of Business on October 22, 2004 (the Record Date ). Each Right entitles the registered holder to purchase from the Company a unit consisting of one one-hundredth (1/100) of a share (a Unit ) of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock, par value \$.01 per share (the Series A Preferred Stock ) at a Purchase Price of \$100 per Unit, subject to adjustment. The description and terms of the Rights are set forth in a Rights Agreement.

Initially, the Rights will be attached to all Common Stock certificates representing shares then outstanding, and no separate Rights Certificates will be distributed. Subject to certain exceptions specified in the Rights Agreement, the Rights will separate from the Common Stock and a Distribution Date will occur upon the earlier of (i) ten (10) business days following a public announcement that a person or group of affiliated or associated persons (an Acquiring Person ) has acquired beneficial ownership of fifteen percent (15%) or more of the outstanding shares of Common Stock other than as a result of repurchases of stock by the Company, certain inadvertent actions by institutional or certain other stockholders or the beneficial ownership by a person of fifteen percent (15%) or more of the outstanding Common Stock as of October 22, 2004, or the date a Person has entered into an agreement or arrangement with the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company providing for an Acquisition Transaction (the Stock Acquisition Date ), (ii) ten (10) business days (or such later date as the Board of Directors shall determine) following the commencement of a tender offer or exchange offer that would result in a person or group becoming an Acquiring Person, or (iii) ten business days after the Board of Directors of the Company determines any person, alone or together with its affiliates and associates, has become the Beneficial Owner of an amount of Common Stock which the Board of Directors determines to be substantial (which amount shall in no event be less than 10% of the shares of Common Stock outstanding) and at least a majority of the Board of Directors who are not officers of the Company, after reasonable inquiry and investigation, including consultation with such persons as such directors shall deem appropriate, shall determine that (a) such beneficial ownership by such person is intended to cause the Company to repurchase the Common Stock beneficially owned by such person or to cause pressure on the Company to take action or enter into a transaction or series of transactions intended to provide such person with short-term financial gain under circumstances where the Board of Directors determines that the best long-term interests of the Company and its stockholders would not be served by taking such action or entering into such transactions or series of transactions at that time or (b) such beneficial ownership is causing or reasonably likely to cause a material adverse impact (including, but not limited to, impairment of relationships with customers or impairment of the Company's ability to maintain its competitive position) on the business or prospects of the Company (any such person being referred to herein and in the Rights Agreement as an Adverse Person ). An Acquisition

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Transaction is defined in the Rights Agreement as (x) a merger, consolidation or similar transaction involving the Company or any of its Subsidiaries as a result of which stockholders of the Company will no longer own a majority of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Company or a publicly traded entity which controls the Company or, if appropriate, the entity into which the Company may be merged, consolidated or otherwise combined (based solely on the shares of Common Stock received or retained by such stockholders, in their capacity as stockholders of the Company, pursuant to such transaction), (y) a purchase or other acquisition of all or a substantial portion of the assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries, or (z) a purchase or other acquisition of securities representing fifteen percent (15%) or more of the shares of Common Stock then outstanding. Until the Distribution Date, (i) the Rights will be evidenced by the Common Stock certificates and will be transferred with and only with such Common Stock certificates, (ii) new Common Stock certificates issued after the Record Date will contain a notation incorporating the Rights Agreement by reference and (iii) the surrender for transfer of any certificates for Common Stock outstanding will also constitute the transfer of the Rights associated with the Common Stock represented by such certificate. Pursuant to the Rights Agreement, the Company reserves the right to require prior to the occurrence of a Triggering Event (as defined below) that, upon any exercise of Rights, a number of Rights be exercised so that only whole shares of Preferred Stock will be issued.

The Rights are not exercisable until the Distribution Date and will expire at 5:00 P.M. (Eastern time) on October 22, 2014, unless such date is extended or the Rights are earlier redeemed or exchanged by the Company as described below.

As soon as practicable after the Distribution Date, Rights Certificates will be mailed to holders of record of the Common Stock as of the Close of Business on the Distribution Date and, thereafter, the separate Rights Certificates alone will represent the Rights. Except as otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, only shares of Common Stock issued prior to the Distribution Date will be issued with Rights.

In the event that (i) a Person becomes an Acquiring Person, except pursuant to an offer for all outstanding shares of Common Stock which the independent directors determine to be fair and not inadequate and to otherwise be in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders, after receiving advice from one or more investment banking firms (a Qualified Offer ), or (ii) the Board of Directors determines that a person is an Adverse Person, each holder of a Right will thereafter have the right to receive, upon exercise, Common Stock (or, in certain circumstances, cash, property or other securities of the Company) having a value equal to two times the exercise price of the Right. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, following the occurrence of the event set forth in this paragraph, all Rights that are, or (under certain circumstances specified in the Rights Agreement) were, beneficially owned by any Acquiring Person or Adverse Person (or by certain related parties) will be null and void. However, Rights are not exercisable following the occurrence of the event set forth above until such time as the Rights are no longer redeemable by the Company as set forth below.

For example, at an exercise price of \$200 per Right, each Right not owned by an Acquiring Person or by an Adverse Person (or by certain related parties) following an event set forth in the preceding paragraph would entitle its holder to purchase \$400 worth of Common Stock (or other consideration, as noted above) for \$200. Assuming that the Common Stock had a per share value of \$40 at such time, the holder

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of each valid Right would be entitled to purchase 10 shares of Common Stock for \$200.

In the event that, at any time following the Stock Acquisition Date, (i) the Company engages in a merger or other business combination transaction in which the Company is not the surviving corporation (other than with an entity which acquired the shares pursuant to a Qualified Offer), (ii) the Company engages in a merger or other business combination transaction in which the Company is the surviving corporation and the Common Stock of the Company is changed or exchanged, or (iii) fifty percent (50%) or more of the Company's assets, cash flow or earning power is sold or transferred, each holder of a Right (except Rights which have previously been voided as set forth above) shall thereafter have the right to receive, upon exercise, common stock of the acquiring company having a value equal to two times the exercise price of the Right. The events set forth in this paragraph and in the second preceding paragraph are referred to as the Triggering Events.

At any time after a person becomes an Acquiring Person and prior to the acquisition by such person or group of fifty percent (50%) or more of the outstanding Common Stock, the Board of Directors may exchange the Rights (other than Rights owned by such person or group which have become void), in whole or in part, at an exchange ratio of one share of Common Stock, or one one-hundredth (1/100) of a share of Preferred Stock (or of a share of a class or series of the Company's preferred stock having equivalent rights, preferences and privileges), per Right (subject to adjustment).

At any time until ten (10) business days following the Stock Acquisition Date, the Company may redeem the Rights in whole, but not in part, at a price of \$.01 per Right (payable in cash, Common Stock or other consideration deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors). The Company may not redeem the Rights if the Board of Directors has previously declared a person to be an Adverse Person. Immediately upon the action of the Board of Directors ordering redemption of the Rights, the Rights will terminate and the only right of the holders of Rights will be to receive the \$.01 redemption price.

Until a Right is exercised, the holder thereof, as such, will have no rights as a stockholder of the Company, including, without limitation, the right to vote or to receive dividends. While the distribution of the Rights will not be taxable to stockholders or to the Company, stockholders may, depending upon the circumstances, recognize taxable income in the event that the Rights become exercisable for Common Stock (or other consideration) of the Company or for common stock of the acquiring company or in the event of the redemption of the Rights as set forth above.

Any of the provisions of the Rights Agreement may be amended by the Board of Directors prior to the Distribution Date. After the Distribution Date, the provisions of the Rights Agreement may be amended by the Board of Directors in order to cure any ambiguity, to make changes which do not adversely affect the interests of holders of Rights (excluding the interests of an Acquiring Person, an Adverse Person or certain related parties), or to shorten or lengthen any time period under the Rights Agreement. The foregoing notwithstanding, no amendment may be made to the Rights Agreement during the Special Period or at a time when the Rights are not redeemable, except to cure any ambiguity or correct or supplement any provision contained in the Rights Agreement which may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision therein.

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**ITEM 2. Exhibits.**

**EXHIBIT NUMBER**

**DESCRIPTION**

1

Rights Agreement, dated as of October 22, 2004, between McKesson Corporation and The Bank of New York, as Rights Agent, including the form of Rights Certificate as Exhibit A and the Summary of Rights to Purchase Preferred Stock as Exhibit B (pursuant to the Rights Agreement, printed Rights Certificates will not be mailed until after the Distribution Date (as defined in the Rights Agreement)).

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

**McKesson Corporation**  
(Registrant)

*October 22, 2004*

By: */s/ Ivan D. Meyerson*

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*Ivan D. Meyerson*  
*Executive Vice President,*  
*General Counsel and Secretary*

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