

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC  
Form 8-K  
April 28, 2006

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**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): April 27, 2006

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**KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**001-14057**  
(Commission File  
Number)  
**680 South Fourth Street**

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

**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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- .. 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))
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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On April 27, 2006, Kindred Healthcare, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing its financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2006. The press release, dated April 27, 2006, is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K. On April 27, 2006, the Company also made the press release available on its website at [www.kindredhealthcare.com](http://www.kindredhealthcare.com).

The information contained herein is being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K, Results of Operations and Financial Condition. This information shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

Incorporated by reference is a press release issued by the Company on April 27, 2006, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. This information is being furnished under Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liability of such section.

**Item 9.01.**

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated April 27, 2006.

**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: April 28, 2006

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