

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC  
Form 8-K  
December 16, 2010

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

Washington, D.C. 20549

**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 15, 2010

**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)

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

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**680 South Fourth Street**

**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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation to the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

On December 15, 2010, Kindred Healthcare, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release providing updated earnings guidance for the fourth quarter of 2010 and for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010. The Company also announced earnings guidance for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011. The press release, dated December 15, 2010, is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K. On December 15, 2010, 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 December 15, 2010, 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. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated December 15, 2010.

**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 16, 2010

By:

/s/ RICHARD A. LECHLEITER  
**Richard A. Lechleiter**  
**Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer**