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 8, 2004 (December 7, 2004)

Chiron Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) **0-12798** (Commission File Number) 94-2754624 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

94608 (Zip Code)

4560 Horton Street, Emeryville, CA (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (510) 655-8730

N/A

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

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Section 8 Other Events

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Other Events

On December 7, 2004, Chiron Corporation announced via press release that it had received notification from the UK Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) that the MHRA proposes to continue the suspension of the company s license to manufacture influenza vaccines in Liverpool for a further period of three months, effective January 4, 2005, which is the date of expiration of the initial three month suspension.

A copy of Chiron s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c)	Exhibits		
	99.1		Press release issued on December 7, 2004.
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SIGNATURE

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.

CHIRON CORPORATION

(Registrant)

Date: December 8, 2004

By:

/s/Ursula B. Bartels Ursula B. Bartels

Vice President and General Counsel