

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC  
Form 8-K  
October 17, 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): October 12, 2006

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**KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| <b>Delaware</b><br>(State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation or organization) | <b>001-14057</b><br>(Commission File<br>Number)<br><b>680 South Fourth Street</b><br><b>Louisville, Kentucky</b><br>(Address of principal executive offices)<br><b>40202-2412</b><br>(Zip Code) | <b>61-1323993</b><br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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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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r 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 October 12, 2006, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01.**

(d) Exhibits

- Exhibit 10.1 Exhibit C to the Amended and Restated Master Lease Agreement No. 1 dated as of April 20, 2001 for Lease Executed by Ventas Realty, Limited Partnership, as Lessor and Vencor, Inc. and Vencor Operating, Inc. as Tenant.
- Exhibit 10.2 Exhibit C to the Amended and Restated Master Lease Agreement No. 2 dated as of April 20, 2001 for Lease Executed by Ventas Realty, Limited Partnership, as Lessor and Vencor, Inc. and Vencor Operating, Inc. as Tenant.
- Exhibit 10.3 Exhibit C to the Amended and Restated Master Lease Agreement No. 3 dated as of April 20, 2001 for Lease Executed by Ventas Realty, Limited Partnership, as Lessor and Vencor, Inc. and Vencor Operating, Inc. as Tenant.
- Exhibit 10.4 Exhibit C to the Amended and Restated Master Lease Agreement No. 4 dated as of April 20, 2001 for Lease Executed by Ventas Realty, Limited Partnership, as Lessor and Vencor, Inc. and Vencor Operating, Inc. as Tenant.
- Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated October 12, 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: October 17, 2006

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