

HCA INC/TN  
Form 8-K  
October 22, 2002

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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 21, 2002

HCA INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE  
(State of Incorporation)

001-11239 (Commission File Number)	75-2497104 (IRS Employer Identification Number)
One Park Plaza, Nashville, Tennessee (Address of principal executive offices) 37203 (Zip Code)	
(615) 344-9551 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)	

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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On October 21, 2002, HCA Inc. (the Company ) announced operating results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2002.

ITEM 7. EXHIBIT

Exhibit 20 Copy of press release dated October 21, 2002 relating to third quarter earnings release.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

HCA Inc.

By: /s/ JOHN M. FRANCK II

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John M. Franck II  
Vice President and Corporate  
Secretary

DATED: October 22, 2002