

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC  
Form 8-K  
December 19, 2017

**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 19, 2017**

**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.)**

**680 South Fourth Street**

**Louisville, Kentucky**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**40202**  
**(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))  
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On December 19, 2017, Kindred Healthcare, Inc. ( Kindred or the Company ) issued a press release regarding the matter disclosed in Item 8.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K. A copy of such press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. Exhibit 99.1 is being furnished under Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act ), as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of such section, nor shall this information be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing made by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On December 19, 2017, Kindred entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement ) with Kentucky Hospital Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ( HospitalCo Parent ), Kentucky Homecare Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation ( Parent ), and Kentucky Homecare Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Parent ( Merger Sub ). Concurrently with the execution of the Merger Agreement, the Company entered into a Separation Agreement (the Separation Agreement ) with Parent, HospitalCo Parent and Kentucky Hospital Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of HospitalCo Parent.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	<u>Press release, dated December 19, 2017.</u>
99.2	<u>Transcript of video sent to Kindred employees by President and CEO Ben Breier.</u>
99.3	<u>Letter to partners, dated December 19, 2017.</u>
99.4	<u>Moving Forward FAQs, dated December 19, 2017.</u>
99.5	<u>Touching Base, email to Kindred employees from President and CEO Ben Breier, dated December 19, 2017.</u>

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**Forward Looking Statements**

Certain statements contained herein includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These forward-looking statements are often identified by words such as anticipate, approximate, believe, plan, estimate, expect, project, could, would, should, will, intend, hope, may, potential, upside, and other similar

Such forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain, and stockholders and other potential investors must recognize that actual results may differ materially from the Company s expectations as a result of a variety of factors. Such forward-looking statements are based upon management s current expectations and include known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which the Company is unable to predict or control, that may cause the Company s actual results, performance, or plans to differ materially from any future results, performance or plans expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Risks and uncertainties related to the proposed transactions

include, but are not limited to, the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstance that could give rise to the termination of the merger agreement; the failure of the parties to satisfy conditions to completion of the proposed merger, including the failure of the Company's stockholders to approve the proposed merger or the failure of the parties to obtain required regulatory approvals; the risk that regulatory or other approvals are delayed or are subject to terms and conditions that are not anticipated; changes in the business or operating prospects of the Company or its businesses; changes in health care and other laws and regulations; the impact of the announcement of, or failure to complete, the proposed merger on our relationships with employees, customers, vendors and other business partners; and potential or actual litigation. In addition, these statements involve risks, uncertainties, and other factors detailed from time to time in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

Many of these factors are beyond the Company's control. The Company cautions investors that any forward-looking statements made by the Company are not guarantees of future performance. The Company disclaims any obligation to update any such factors or to announce publicly the results of any revisions to any of the forward-looking statements to reflect future events or developments.

#### **Additional Information and Where to Find It**

The Company will file with the SEC and mail to its stockholders a proxy statement in connection with the proposed merger. We urge investors and security holders to read the proxy statement when it becomes available because it will contain important information regarding the proposed merger. You may obtain a free copy of the proxy statement (when available) and other related documents filed by the Company with the SEC at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). You also may obtain the proxy statement (when it is available) and other documents filed by the Company with the SEC relating to the proposed merger for free by accessing the Company's website at [www.kindredhealthcare.com](http://www.kindredhealthcare.com) by clicking on the link for Investors, then clicking on the link for SEC Filings.

#### **Participants in the Solicitation**

The Company and its directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the Company's stockholders in connection with the proposed merger. Information regarding the interests of these directors and executive officers in the proposed merger will be included in the proxy statement when it is filed with the SEC. You may find additional information about the Company's directors and executive officers in the Company's proxy statement for its 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on May 25, 2017. You can obtain free copies of these documents from the Company using the contact information above.

**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.

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC.

December 19, 2017

By: /s/ Joseph L. Landenwich  
Name: Joseph L. Landenwich  
Title: General Counsel and Corporate Secretary