# 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): September 15, 2004

# KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC.

 $(Exact\ name\ of\ registrant\ as\ specified\ in\ its\ charter)$ 

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

001-14057 (Commission File 61-1323993 (IRS Employer

of incorporation or organization)

Number)

**Identification No.)** 

**680 South Fourth Street** 

Louisville, Kentucky

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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(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:

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Kindred Healthcare, Inc. (the Company ) has announced that the New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ) has approved the Company s common stock for listing on the NYSE, and that the Company filed its initial listing application with the NYSE on September 15, 2004. The Company anticipates that trading in its common stock on the NYSE will begin on October 28, 2004 under the ticker symbol KND.

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

#### Item 9.01.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated September 15, 2004.

#### **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: September 16, 2004

By: /s/ Joseph L. Landenwich

Joseph L. Landenwich

Senior Vice President of Corporate Legal Affairs

and Corporate Secretary