TENET HEALTHCARE CORP Form 8-K January 12, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: January 12, 2006

(Date of earliest event reported)

TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada (State of Incorporation)

1-7293 (Commission File Number)

95-2557091 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

13737 Noel Road

Dallas, Texas 75240

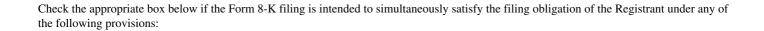
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(469) 893-2200

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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



- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On January 12, 2006, Tenet Healthcare Corporation issued a press release announcing that it had reached agreements in principle to settle for \$215 million federal securities class-action lawsuits brought against the company on behalf of certain purchasers of Tenet securities as well as shareholder derivative litigation brought by certain stockholders of Tenet for the benefit of the company. A copy of the press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

By: /s/ E. Peter Urbanowicz

E. Peter Urbanowicz General Counsel

Date: January 12, 2006

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EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release Issued on January 12, 2006

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