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	FORM 8-K	
	CURRENT REPORT	
	ant to Section 13 or 15(d) of th urities Exchange Act of 1934	e
Date of Report (I	Date of earliest event reported): Augu	sst 25, 2004
	NTHEM, INC.	r)
	001-16751 (Commission File Number)	35-2145715 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Indiana (State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

120 Monument Circle

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Indianapolis, IN 46204

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (317) 488-6000

N/A

(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 of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240. 13e-4(c))

Section 8 Other Events

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Anthem, Inc. (Anthem) is filing this Current Report on Form 8-K in connection with the public offering of its senior debt securities which were registered as part of Anthem s Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-101969) (the Registration Statement), which was declared effective on December 24, 2002. The terms of such senior debt securities are set forth in a Senior Note Indenture, dated as of December 31, 2002 between Anthem and The Bank of New York, as trustee (the Trustee) (attached hereto as Exhibit 4.16 and incorporated herein and in the Registration Statement by reference), as supplemented by a First Supplemental Indenture between Anthem and the Trustee (a form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.20 and incorporated herein and in the Registration Statement by reference). The form of Underwriting Agreement that Anthem intends to enter into with Banc of America Securities LLC, the underwriter for the senior debt offering, is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.1 and incorporated herein and in the Registration Statement by reference. The computation of the ratio of earnings to fixed charges and an opinion of Anthem s counsel with respect to the issuance of the senior debt securities are also attached hereto as exhibits and incorporated herein and in the Registration Statement by reference.

In addition, Anthem is filing as exhibits to this Current Report on Form 8-K (i) the Financial Statements of WellPoint Health Networks Inc. (WellPoint) set forth in WellPoint s Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004 and in WellPoint s Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, (ii) a consent of WellPoint s independent registered public accounting firm with respect to the reference to them in the prospectus which is a part of the Registration Statement and to the incorporation by reference of their report relating to certain of WellPoint s consolidated financial statements into the Registration Statement, (iii) a letter from WellPoint s independent registered public accounting firm regarding unaudited interim financial information and (iv) a consent of Anthem s independent registered public accounting firm with respect to the reference to them in the prospectus which is a part of the Registration Statement and to the incorporation by reference of their report relating to certain of Anthem s consolidated financial statements into the Registration Statement.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits:

The exhibits listed below relate to the Registration Statement and are filed herewith for incorporation by reference herein and in the Registration Statement.

Exhibit No.	Exhibit
1.1	Form of Underwriting Agreement between Anthem, Inc. and Banc of America Securities LLC
4.16	Senior Note Indenture, dated as of December 31, 2002, between Anthem, Inc. and The Bank of New York, as trustee
4.20	Form of First Supplemental Indenture between Anthem, Inc. and The Bank of New York, as trustee
4.21	Form of Senior Notes (included as Exhibit A in Exhibit 4.20)

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- 5 Opinion of Baker & Daniels
- 12 Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges
- 15 Letter from WellPoint s Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm regarding unaudited interim financial information
- 23.1 Consent of Anthem s Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
- 23.2 Consent of WellPoint s Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
- 23.3 Consent of Baker & Daniels (included in Exhibit 5)
- 99.1 The following financial statements of WellPoint, set forth in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004, are filed herewith for incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement:

Consolidated Balance Sheets as of June 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003

Consolidated Income Statements for the Quarters and Six Months Ended June 30, 2004 and 2003

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Stockholders Equity for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2004

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2004 and 2003

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

99.2 The following financial statements of WellPoint, set forth in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, are filed herewith for incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement:

Report of Independent Auditors

Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2003 and 2002

Consolidated Income Statements for the Years Ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders Equity for the Years Ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Years Ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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SIGNATURE

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.

Date: August 25, 2004

ANTHEM, INC.

By: /s/ Michael L. Smith

Name: Michael L. Smith

Title: Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial and Accounting Officer