

TRIAD HOSPITALS INC  
Form 8-K  
October 17, 2006

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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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 16, 2006**

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**TRIAD HOSPITALS, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**DELAWARE**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

**001-14695**  
(Commission File Number)

**75-2816101**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**5800 Tennyson Parkway**  
  
**Plano, Texas**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**(214) 473-7000**

**75024**  
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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  - “ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On October 16, 2006, Triad Hospitals, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that its anticipated diluted earnings per share from continuing operations for the three months ended September 30, 2006 will be lower than expectations. The Company also announced that it is withdrawing its previously issued guidance for diluted earnings per share from continuing operations for 2006 and subsequent periods. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release issued by Triad Hospitals, Inc. on October 16, 2006.

**SIGNATURE**

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

TRIAD HOSPITALS, INC.

By: /s/ Rebecca Hurley  
Rebecca Hurley

Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Date: October 17, 2006

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
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