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LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC.

Form 8-K July 18, 2005

UNITED STATES
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 (Date of earliest event reported): July 18, 2005 (July 14, 2005)

LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-51251 20-1538254 (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

103 Powell Court, Suite 200

Brentwood, Tennessee
(Address of principal executive offices)

37027

(Zip Code)

(615) 372-8500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On July 14, 2005, LifePoint Hospitals, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), announced the signing of a definitive agreement to purchase five rural Virginia and West Virginia hospitals from HCA (NYSE:HCA) for approximately \$285 million, plus working capital. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits
- 99 Press Release of LifePoint Hospitals, Inc., dated July 14, 2005

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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.

Date: July 18, 2005

LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC.

By: /s/ William F. Carpenter III

William F. Carpenter III

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
99	Press Release of LifePoint Hospitals, Inc., dated July 14, 2005

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