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August 20, 2004

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): August 20, 2004

RITE AID CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 1-5742 (Commission File Number) | 23-1614034 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
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| 30 Hunter Lane, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania (Address of principal executive offices) | 17011 (Zip Code) |
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(717) 761-2633
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

None
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 7. Financial Statement and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Notice to directors and executive officers of Rite Aid Corporation,

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dated August 20, 2004

Item 11. Temporary Suspension of Trading under Registrant's Employee Benefit Plans

On August 20, 2004, Rite Aid Corporation (the "Company") sent a notice to its directors and executive officers, informing them that each of The Rite Aid 401(k) Plan, Rite Aid 401(k) Distribution Employees Savings Plan and Rite Aid Services, L.L.C. 401(k) Plan (each a "Plan" and, collectively, the "Plans") is changing its recordkeeper and investment options and that, as a result of these changes, a blackout period is expected to be in effect beginning on September 24, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern time) and ending during the week of October 3, 2004. During this blackout period, Plan participants will be unable to direct or diversify investments in their individual accounts, or obtain a loan, distribution or hardship withdrawal from their respective Plan, and directors and executive officers of the Company will be prohibited from purchasing, selling or otherwise acquiring or transferring certain equity securities of the Company. The notice was provided pursuant to Section 306 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and Rule 104 of Regulation BTR. A copy of the notice is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

During the blackout period and for a period of two years after the ending date of the blackout period, a security holder or other interested person may obtain, without charge, the actual beginning and ending dates of the blackout period by directing inquiries to the Vice President, Benefits of the Company, 30 Hunter Lane, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011, tel. (717) 761-2633.

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.

RITE AID CORPORATION

By: /s/ Robert B. Sari

Name: Robert B. Sari
Title: Senior Vice President, General
Counsel and Secretary

Date: August 20, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

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