

UNIVERSAL HEALTH SERVICES INC

Form 8-K

December 28, 2004

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**UNITED STATES**  
**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): December 27, 2004**

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**UNIVERSAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**DELAWARE**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**1-10765**  
(Commission File Number)

**23-2077891**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**UNIVERSAL CORPORATE CENTER**  
**367 SOUTH GULPH ROAD**

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**KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19406**

**(Address of principal executive office) (Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (610) 768-3300**

**Not Applicable**

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

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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 8.01 Other Events

On December 27, 2004, Universal Health Services, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing an expected fourth quarter earnings shortfall. A copy of the Company s press release is furnished as exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits. 99.1 Universal Health Services, Inc. Press Release dated December 27, 2004

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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.

Universal Health Services, Inc.

By: /s/ Alan B. Miller

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Name: Alan B. Miller

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Steve Filton

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Name: Steve Filton

Title: Senior Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 27, 2004

Exhibit Index

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Exhibit</u>
99.1	Press release, dated December 27, 2004