

HCA INC/TN  
Form 8-K  
July 14, 2004

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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) July 14, 2004

HCA INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE  
(State of Incorporation)

001-11239 (Commission File Number)	75-2497104 (IRS Employer Identification Number)
One Park Plaza, Nashville, Tennessee (Address of principal executive offices) 37203 (Zip Code)	

(615) 344-9551  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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.

HCA Inc.

By: /s/ R. MILTON JOHNSON

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R. Milton Johnson  
Senior Vice President and Controller

DATED: July 14, 2004