

HEALTHWAYS, INC  
Form 8-K  
October 17, 2006  
UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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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): October 17, 2006

**HEALTHWAYS, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**000-19364**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**62-1117144**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**3841 Green Hills Village Drive**

**Nashville, Tennessee**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**37215**  
(Zip Code)

**(615) 665-1122**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  
  - 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 17, 2006, Healthways, Inc. issued a press release announcing earnings results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended August 31, 2006, the text of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. This information furnished pursuant to this Item 2.02 and Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits:

Exhibit 99.1            Press Release.

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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.

**HEALTHWAYS, INC.**

By: /s/ Mary A. Chaput  
Mary A. Chaput  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 17, 2006

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit 99.1

Press Release dated October 17, 2006