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LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS INC

Incorporation)

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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):

January 7, 2004

LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

103 Powell Court, Suite 200

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Brentwood, Tennessee 37027

(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 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial statements of businesses acquired.

None required

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(b) Pro forma financial information.

None required

- (c) Exhibits.
 - 99 Copy of press release issued by the Company on January 7, 2004, with respect to LifePoint's quidance for 2004.

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 7, 2004, LifePoint Hospitals, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its 2004 guidance. See the press release attached as Exhibit 99.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC.

By: /s/Michael J. Culotta

Michael J. Culotta Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 7, 2004

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibits
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