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LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS INC
Form 8-K
April 29, 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):

April 28, 2004

LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware ----- (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	0-29818 ----- (Commission File Number)	52-2165845 ----- (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)
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103 Powell Court, Suite 200
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(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 5. Other Events

The Company confirmed its guidance for the remaining quarters of 2004 (which was issued in a press release on January 7, 2004) and increased the full year guidance of earnings per share to a range of \$2.00 to \$2.04 (including the \$0.60 GAAP earnings per share from the first quarter's actual results). The earnings per share estimate is in the range of \$1.96 to \$2.00, excluding the

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\$3.2 million, or \$0.04 per diluted share, adjustment recorded during the first quarter of 2004. The adjustment is nonrecurring and related to the Medicare disproportionate share designation at one of the Company's hospitals.

On April 28, 2004, the Company signed an amendment to its Computer Services & Data Processing Agreement with HCA Information Technology & Services, Inc. extending these services through December 31, 2009. The amendment contains a new flat fee structure, with no incremental fees for advanced clinical applications, and discounts for new facilities that may be added to the system following acquisition.

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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
Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 28, 2004

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