

TENET HEALTHCARE CORP  
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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: November 18, 2002

(Date of earliest event reported)

Commission file number: 1-7293

## TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

(State or Incorporation)

95-2557091

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3820 State Street

Santa Barbara, California 93105

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(805) 563-7000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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#### ITEM 5. *Other Events.*

On November 18, 2002, Jeffrey C. Barbakow, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Tenet Healthcare Corporation, a Nevada corporation ("Tenet"), issued a letter to shareholders in the form of a press release. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

#### ITEM 7. *Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Statements And Exhibits.*

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Exhibits

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99	An Open Letter to Shareholders of Tenet Healthcare Corporation From Jeffrey C. Barbakow, Chairman and CEO

**SIGNATURE**

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

TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

By: /s/ JEFFREY C. BARBAKOW

Jeffrey C. Barbakow  
*Chief Executive Officer*

Date: November 18, 2002

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