

AMEDISYS INC
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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): SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

Commission File Number: 0-24260

AMEDISYS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

11-3131700
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

5959 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70816

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

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(225) 292-2031 or (800) 467-2662

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

SECTION 2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 2.05. COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EXIT OR DISPOSAL ACTIVITIES

On September 22, 2010, Amedisys, Inc. issued a press release announcing that it will close approximately 13 agencies (nine Home Health and four Hospice) locations and consolidate another 26 locations (23 Home Health and three Hospice) into existing locations. The Company also plans to discontinue the start-up process associated with 28 prospective Home Health agencies. These actions are expected to be completed by the fourth quarter of 2010.

As a result of these actions, the Company expects to incur charges in the range of \$6 to \$8 million in the third quarter and approximately \$1 million in the fourth quarter of 2010. These charges include lease terminations of approximately \$4 to \$5 million and other charges, including severance payments, of approximately \$3 to \$4 million. The cash outflow for other charges of \$3 to \$4 million is expected to be incurred during the fourth quarter of 2010. Lease terminations will be paid either through the remainder of the lease term or through a lease termination option, if available. These estimates are preliminary and based on a number of assumptions and could change materially.

A copy of this press release referred to above is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Certain Forward-Looking Statements

This press release includes forward-looking statements as defined by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements involve a variety of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described therein. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to the following: changes in Medicare and other medical payment levels, our ability to open agencies, acquire additional agencies and integrate and operate these agencies effectively, changes in or our failure to comply with existing Federal and State laws or regulations or the inability to comply with new government regulations on a timely basis, competition in the home health industry, changes in the case mix of patients and payment methodologies, changes in estimates and judgments associated with critical accounting policies, our ability to maintain or establish new patient referral sources, our ability to attract and retain qualified personnel, changes in payments and covered services due to the economic downturn and deficit spending by Federal and state governments, future cost containment initiatives undertaken by third-party payors, our access to financing due to the volatility and disruption of the capital and credit markets, our ability to meet debt service requirements and comply with covenants in debt agreements, business disruptions due to natural disasters or acts of terrorism, our ability to integrate and manage our information systems, changes in or developments with respect to any litigation or investigations relating to the Company, including the United States Senate Committee on Finance inquiry and the SEC investigation and various other matters, many of which are beyond our control.

Because forward-looking statements are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties, some of which cannot be predicted or quantified, you should not rely on any forward-looking statement as a prediction of future events. We expressly disclaim any obligation or undertaking and we do not intend to release publicly any updates or changes in our expectations concerning the forward-looking statements or any changes in events, conditions or circumstances upon which any forward-looking statement may be based, except as required by law.

SECTION 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated September 22, 2010

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.

AMEDISYS, INC.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Dale E. Redman

Dale E. Redman
Chief Financial Officer and Duly Authorized

Officer

DATE: September 22, 2010

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated September 22, 2010