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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) - December 10, 2001

TRIAD HOSPITALS, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation)	000-29816 (Commission File Number)	75-2816101 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
13455 Noel Road, Suite 2000 Dallas, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)		75240 (Zip Code)

(972) 789-2700  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 5. Other Events.

Attached hereto as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 are press releases issued by Triad Hospitals, Inc. on December 10, 2001, and attached hereto as Exhibit 99.3 is a presentation regarding Triad's financial guidance referred to in such press releases. Each such exhibit is incorporated by reference herein.

Triad does not have, and expressly disclaims, any obligation to release publicly any updates or any changes in Triad's expectations or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any forward-looking statement is

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based.

The text of the slides included in the report attached as Exhibit 99.3 omits various graphic images included in the actual slides. Triad expects to make copies of the actual slides, including such graphic images, available for viewing at the "Investor Relations" section of its website located at www.triadhospitals.com, although Triad reserves the right to discontinue that availability at any time.

- Exhibit 99.1      Press release issued by Triad Hospitals, Inc. on December 10, 2001.
- Exhibit 99.2      Press release issued by Triad Hospitals, Inc. on December 10, 2001.
- Exhibit 99.3      Financial analyst presentation referenced in the press release filed as Exhibit 99.1.

SIGNATURE

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

TRIAD HOSPITALS, INC.

By: /s/ Donald P. Fay

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Donald P. Fay  
Executive Vice President,  
Secretary and General Counsel

Date: December 11, 2001

EXHIBIT INDEX

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