

LHC Group, Inc  
Form 8-K  
January 23, 2006

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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): January 19, 2006  
LHC Group, Inc.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

**Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)**

**8082  
(Commission File Number)**

**71-0918189  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)**

**420 West Pinhook Rd., Suite A, Lafayette, LA  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**70503  
(Zip Code)**

**(337) 233-1307**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On January 19, 2006, LHC Group, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing its intention to acquire a 67% ownership interest in Stanocola Home Health ( Stanocola ), based in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The transaction is expected to be completed in early February 2006. Stanocola reported net revenue for 2005 of approximately \$2.2 million and currently has an active census of approximately 130 patients. The new joint venture will continue to operate in Stanocola s current location, and will also maintain two offices in the Baton Rouge service area.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

A copy of the Company s press release concerning intent to acquire Stanocola is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

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**SIGNATURE**

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.

**LHC GROUP, INC.**

By: /s/ R. Barr Brown  
R. Barr Brown  
Senior Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

Dated: January 23, 2006

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EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION
99.1	Press Release, dated January 19, 2006