

MAXICARE HEALTH PLANS INC

Form 8-K

November 04, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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): October 31, 2005

Maxicare Health Plans, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-12024
(Commission
File No.)

95-3615709
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

14241 East Firestone Boulevard, La Mirada California 90638

(Address of Principal Executive Office)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (562) 293-4064

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 4.01. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant

On October 31, 2005, the Company's auditors, Ernst & Young LLP (E&Y), advised the Company that E&Y will resign as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm effective upon the filing by the Company of its Form 10-Q quarterly report for the quarter ended September 30, 2005. E&Y included in its report on the Company's financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, a going-concern qualification, stating that the Company has incurred recurring operating losses and deficiencies in working capital and shareholders' equity, and these conditions raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

In connection with the audits of the Company's financial statements for each of the two years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003 and for the interim periods subsequent to December 31, 2004, there were no disagreements with E&Y on any matters of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedure which, if not resolved to the satisfaction of E&Y, would have caused E&Y to make reference to the matter in their report.

The Company has requested E&Y to furnish it a letter addressed to the Commission stating whether it agrees with the above statements. A copy of that letter, dated November 4, 2005 is filed as Exhibit 16 to this Form 8-K.

There were no reportable events as that term is described in paragraph a(1)(v) of Item 304 under Regulation S-K.

The Company is currently seeking a replacement to E&Y to act as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm. The Company will announce the engagement of such accountants when such engagement is finalized.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

16.1 Letter from Ernst & Young, LLP

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.

MAXICARE HEALTH PLANS, INC.

Date: November 4, 2005

/s/ Paul Dupee
Paul Dupee, President