

LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC.

Form 8-K

February 18, 2011

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

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**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): February 18, 2011 (February 18, 2011)

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**LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Delaware</b>	<b>0-51251</b>	<b>20-1538254</b>
		<b>(IRS Employer</b>
<b>(State or Other Jurisdiction</b>	<b>(Commission</b>	<b>Identification</b>
<b>of Incorporation)</b>	<b>File Number)</b>	<b>No.)</b>
<b>103 Powell Court, Suite 200</b>		
<b>Brentwood, Tennessee</b>	<b>37027</b>	
<b>(Address of principal executive offices)</b>	<b>(Zip Code)</b>	
<b>(615) 372-8500</b>		
<b>(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)</b>		

**Not applicable**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

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:

**Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)**

**Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)**

**Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))**

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

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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 18, 2011, LifePoint Hospitals, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2010. See the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a) Financial statements of businesses acquired.

None required

- (b) Pro forma financial information.

None required

- (c) Shell company transactions.

None required

- (d) Exhibits.

99.1 Copy of press release issued by the Company on February 18, 2011.

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**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.

Date: February 18, 2011 LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey S. Sherman

Jeffrey S. Sherman  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
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