

TENET HEALTHCARE CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 22, 2016

**UNITED STATES**  
**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: February 22, 2016**  
**(Date of earliest event reported)**

**TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION**  
**(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)**

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| <b>Nevada</b><br><b>(State of</b> | <b>1-7293</b><br><b>(Commission</b>  | <b>95-2557091</b><br><b>(IRS Employer</b> |
| <b>Incorporation)</b>             | <b>File Number)</b><br><b>1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1400</b><br><b>Dallas, Texas 75202</b> | <b>Identification Number)</b>             |
|                                   | <b>(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)</b>                      |   |
|                                   | <b>(469) 893-2200</b>  |   |
|                                   | <b>(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)</b>                              |   |

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

The information contained herein is being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K, Results of Operations and Financial Condition. This information shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On February 22, 2016, Tenet Healthcare Corporation (the Company) issued a press release reporting the financial results of the Company for the quarter and full year ended December 31, 2015. A copy of the press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

**CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements contained in the press release filed as an exhibit to this report constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Such forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the Company's actual results to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others, the following: the future impact of healthcare reform legislation, the enactment of additional federal and state healthcare reform, and the related effect on reimbursement and utilization and the future designs of provider networks and insurance plans, including pricing, provider participation, coverage, co-pays and deductibles; other changes in federal, state and local laws and regulations affecting the healthcare industry; adverse regulatory developments, government investigations or litigation, including any significant monetary resolution or other undesirable consequences of the *Clinica de la Mama* qui tam action and criminal investigation, the resolution of which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition or cash flows; the ability to enter into managed care provider arrangements on acceptable terms; cuts to Medicare and Medicaid payment rates or changes in reimbursement practices; trends toward value-based purchasing and alternative payment models; competition; our success in implementing our business development plans and integrating newly acquired businesses, including our United Surgical Partners International joint venture; our ability to hire and retain qualified personnel, especially healthcare professionals; the availability and terms of capital to fund the expansion of our business; our ability to continue to expand and realize earnings contributions from the revenue cycle management, healthcare information management, capitation management and patient communications services businesses under our Conifer Health Solutions subsidiary; our ability to identify and execute on measures designed to save or control costs or streamline operations; the impact of our significant indebtedness; our success in completing corporate development transactions, including the sale of our hospitals in the Atlanta area, which remains subject to certain closing condition; our success in operating our health plans and accountable care networks; and general economic and business conditions, both nationally and regionally. These and other risks and uncertainties are discussed in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Company's annual report on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. All information in this report is as of February 22, 2016. The Company specifically disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of changes in underlying factors, new information, future events or otherwise.

**NON-GAAP INFORMATION**

The press release filed as an exhibit to this report includes certain financial measures, such as adjusted EBITDA, that are not calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Management recommends that you focus on the GAAP numbers as the best indicator of financial performance. These alternative measures are provided only as a supplement to aid in analysis of the Company. Reconciliation between non-GAAP measures and related GAAP measures can be found at the end of the press release.



**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release issued on February 22, 2016

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**SIGNATURE**

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

TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

By: /s/ R. Scott Ramsey  
R. Scott Ramsey  
Vice President and Controller

Date: February 22, 2016

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