

Express Scripts Holding Co.  
Form 8-K  
December 19, 2018

**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): December 19, 2018 (December 18, 2018)**

**EXPRESS SCRIPTS HOLDING COMPANY**  
**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
**of incorporation)**

**001-35490**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**

**45-2884094**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**One Express Way, St. Louis, MO**

**63121**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 314-996-0900

**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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

As previously announced, on March 8, 2018, Express Scripts Holding Company, a Delaware corporation ( Express Scripts ), entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (as amended, the Merger Agreement ) with Cigna Corporation ( Cigna ), Halfmoon Parent, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Cigna ( Holdco ), Halfmoon I, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Holdco, and Halfmoon II, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Holdco, pursuant to which, subject to the conditions of the Merger Agreement, Holdco will acquire Express Scripts in a cash and stock transaction.

On December 18, 2018, Cigna and Express Scripts received regulatory approval from the State of New Jersey for the transaction. All required regulatory approvals now have been received and the parties expect to close the transaction on December 20, 2018, subject to the satisfaction of all other closing conditions.

The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K under Item 7.01, is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K under Item 7.01, shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date hereof, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**Cautionary Notes on Forward Looking Statements**

This communication contains statements which, to the extent they are not statements of historical or present fact, constitute forward-looking statements under the securities laws. These forward-looking statements are intended to provide Cigna management s and/or Express Scripts management s current expectations or plans for future operating and financial performance, based on assumptions currently believed to be valid. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as believe, expect, expectations, plans, strategy, prospects, estimate, anticipate, will, may, should, see, guidance, confident and other words of similar meaning in connection with discussion of future operating or financial performance. Forward-looking statements may include, among other things, statements relating to future sales, earnings, cash flow, results of operations, uses of cash, share repurchases and other measures of financial performance or potential future plans, strategies or transactions of Cigna or the combined company following consummation of the mergers, the anticipated benefits of the mergers, including estimated synergies, the expected timing of completion of the mergers, Cigna s ability to obtain financing for the mergers and other statements that are not historical facts. All forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. For those statements, Cigna and Express Scripts claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ from these forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, risks and uncertainties detailed in Cigna s and Express Scripts periodic public filings with the SEC, including those discussed in the section entitled Risk Factors of the registration statement and in the sections entitled Risk Factors in Cigna s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, Cigna s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2018, Express Scripts Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 and Express Scripts Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2018, factors contained or incorporated by reference into such documents and in subsequent filings by Cigna and Express Scripts, and the following factors:

failure to satisfy the conditions to closing provided in the merger agreement;

a longer time than anticipated to consummate the mergers;

problems regarding the successful integration of the businesses of Cigna and Express Scripts;

unexpected costs regarding the mergers;

restrictions on business activities during the pendency of the mergers and limitations put on Cigna's and Express Scripts' ability to pursue alternatives to the mergers under the merger agreement;

diversion of Cigna management's and Express Scripts management's attention from ongoing business operations and opportunities;

disruption from the mergers making it more difficult to maintain business and operational relationships;

potential litigation associated with the mergers;

the ability to hire and retain key personnel;

the availability of financing;

the obligation to complete the mergers even if financing is not available or is available on terms other than those currently anticipated, including financing less favorable to Cigna and New Cigna than its current commitments, due to the absence of a financing condition in connection with the mergers;

effects on the businesses as a result of uncertainty surrounding the mergers;

the possibility that the anticipated benefits from the mergers cannot be realized in full, or at all or may take longer to realize than expected, including risks associated with achieving expected synergies from the mergers;

the uncertainty of the value of the Cigna merger consideration and the Express Scripts merger consideration due to fixed exchange ratios and potential fluctuations in the market prices of Cigna common stock and Express Scripts common stock;

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the possibility of the directors and officers of each of Cigna and Express Scripts generally having interests in the mergers that are different from, or in addition to, the interests of Cigna stockholders or Express Scripts stockholders, as applicable;

the possibility of changes in circumstances between the date of the signing of the merger agreement and the closing date that will not be reflected in the opinions received by the Cigna board of directors and the Express Scripts board of directors from their respective financial advisors;

the effect of the substantial additional indebtedness New Cigna will incur in connection with the mergers;

the possibility of actual results of operations, cash flows and financial position after the mergers materially differing from the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements of New Cigna;

the difference in rights provided to New Cigna stockholders under Delaware law, the New Cigna certificate of incorporation and the New Cigna bylaws, as compared to the rights provided to Cigna stockholders under Delaware law, the Cigna certificate of incorporation and the Cigna bylaws, and to Express Scripts stockholders under Delaware law, the Express Scripts certificate of incorporation and the Express Scripts bylaws (as defined below);

the occurrence of any event giving rise to the right of a party to terminate the merger agreement;

an unexpected downgrade in Cigna's, Express Scripts' or New Cigna's financial strength ratings;

the impact of debt service obligations on the availability of funds for other business purposes, and the terms and required compliance with covenants relating to Cigna's, Express Scripts' or New Cigna's indebtedness; and

future industry risks that are described in SEC reports filed by Cigna and Express Scripts.

There can be no assurance that the mergers or any other transaction described in this Current Report on Form 8-K will in fact be completed in the manner described or at all. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and Cigna and Express Scripts assume no obligation to update or revise such statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable law. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any of these forward-looking statements.

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

**EXPRESS SCRIPTS HOLDING COMPANY**

Date: December 19, 2018

By: /s/ Martin Akins  
Martin Akins  
Senior Vice President and General Counsel