

AMEDISYS INC
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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): DECEMBER 9, 2011

Commission File Number: 0-24260

AMEDISYS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
5959 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70816

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(225) 292-2031 or (800) 467-2662

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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SECTION 2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 2.05. COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EXIT OR DISPOSAL ACTIVITIES

On December 5, 2011, Amedisys, Inc. made a final determination to exit approximately 53 care centers during the fourth quarter. The Company plans to close approximately 28 care center (27 Home Health and one Hospice) locations and consolidate another 23 locations (18 Home Health and 5 Hospice) into existing locations. The Company also plans to discontinue the start-up process associated with two prospective Home Health care centers. These actions are expected to be completed by December 31, 2011.

As a result of these actions, the Company expects to incur charges in the range of \$5.0 to \$7.0 million in the fourth quarter of 2011 and approximately \$1.0 million in the first quarter of 2012. These charges include lease terminations of approximately \$3.0 to \$4.0 million and other charges, including severance payments and the write-off of intangibles, of approximately \$3.0 to \$4.0 million. The cash outflow for other charges of approximately \$1.0 to \$2.0 million is expected to be incurred during the fourth quarter of 2011 and first quarter of 2012. Lease terminations will be paid either through the remainder of the lease term or through a lease termination option, if available. These estimates are preliminary and based on a number of assumptions and could change materially.

Forward-Looking Statements

When included in this filing, words like believes, belief, expects, plans, anticipates, intends, projects, estimates, may, might, similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements as defined by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements involve a variety of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described therein. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to the following: changes in Medicare and other medical payment levels, adverse effects of a failure of the Federal government to fund government programs in which we participate, such as Medicare or Medicaid, adverse effects of a possible delay in the Federal budget process or a Federal government shutdown, our ability to open agencies, acquire additional agencies and integrate and operate these agencies effectively, changes in or our failure to comply with existing Federal and State laws or regulations or the inability to comply with new government regulations on a timely basis, competition in the home health industry, changes in the case mix of patients and payment methodologies, changes in estimates and judgments associated with critical accounting policies (including in the estimate of our preliminary impairment charge), our ability to maintain or establish new patient referral sources, our ability to attract and retain qualified personnel, changes in payments and covered services due to the economic downturn and deficit spending by Federal and State governments, future cost containment initiatives undertaken by third-party payors, our access to financing due to the volatility and disruption of the capital and credit markets, our ability to meet debt service requirements and comply with covenants in debt agreements, business disruptions due to natural disasters or acts of terrorism, our ability to integrate and manage our information systems, changes in or developments with respect to any litigation or investigations relating to the Company, including the United States Senate Committee on Finance inquiry, the SEC investigation and the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Investigative Demand and various other matters, many of which are beyond our control.

Because forward-looking statements are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties, some of which cannot be predicted or quantified, you should not rely on any forward-looking statement as a prediction of future events. We expressly disclaim any obligation or undertaking and we do not intend to release publicly any updates or changes in our expectations concerning the forward-looking statements or any changes in events, conditions or circumstances upon which any forward-looking statement may be based, except as required by law.

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.

AMEDISYS, INC.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Dale E. Redman
Dale E. Redman
Chief Financial Officer and Duly Authorized Officer
DATE: December 9, 2011