

LHC Group, Inc  
Form 8-K  
December 17, 2008

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 17, 2008**

**LHC GROUP, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

<b>Delaware</b>	<b>8082</b>	<b>71-0918189</b>
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**420 West Pinhook Rd., Suite A  
Lafayette, LA 70503**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

**(337) 233-1307**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**  
(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)

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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 8.01 Other Events**

On December 17, 2008, LHC Group, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that it has entered into a definitive Stock Purchase Agreement to acquire 100% of the outstanding capital stock of Northwest Healthcare Alliance, Inc., located in the certificate of need (CON) state of Washington. Northwest Healthcare Alliance, Inc., which operates under the name Assured Home Health and Hospice, is headquartered in Centralia, Washington, and includes four home health locations and five hospice locations. This transaction expands LHC Group’s geographic footprint to 17 states and is expected to close on December 31, 2008.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION
99.1	Press Release dated December 17, 2008

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**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.

LHC GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Peter J. Roman  
Peter J. Roman  
Senior Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

Dated: December 17, 2008

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