TENET HEALTHCARE CORP Form 8-K August 03, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

| Washington, D.C. 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: August 3, 2004 (Date of earliest event reported) |
| Commission file number: 1-7293 |

TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada (State or Incorporation)

95-2557091

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3820 State Street

Santa Barbara, California 93105

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(805) 563-7000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

Item 12. Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The information contained herein is being furnished pursuant to Item 12 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, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On August 3, 2004, Tenet Healthcare Corporation (the Company) issued a press release reporting the financial results of the Company for the quarter ended June 30, 2004. A copy of the press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

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SIGNATURE

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

TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Stephen D. Farber

Stephen D. Farber Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 3, 2004

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EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release dated August 3, 2004.

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