

RITE AID CORP  
Form 8-K  
September 28, 2017

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): September 28, 2017

**Rite Aid Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

1-5742  
(Commission File Number)

23-1614034  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

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30 Hunter Lane, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(717) 761-2633

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in 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 any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.



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

On September 28, 2017, Rite Aid Corporation (the “Company”) reported its financial position and results of operations as of and for the thirteen and twenty-six week periods ended September 2, 2017. The press release includes non-GAAP financial measures, “Adjusted EBITDA,” “Adjusted Net Income (Loss)” and “Adjusted Net Income (Loss) per Diluted Share.” The Company uses these non-GAAP measures in assessing its performance in addition to net income, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure. A reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Net Income (Loss) and Adjusted Net Income (Loss) per Diluted Share to net income is included in the press release, which is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

The Company believes Adjusted EBITDA serves as an appropriate measure in evaluating the performance of its business and helps its investors better compare the Company’s operating performance with its competitors. The Company defines Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) excluding the impact of income taxes, interest expense, depreciation and amortization, LIFO adjustments, charges or credits for facility closing and impairment, inventory write-downs related to store closings, debt retirements, the Walgreens Boots Alliance merger termination fee, and other items (including stock-based compensation expense, merger and acquisition-related costs, severance and costs related to distribution center closures, gain or loss on sale of assets and revenue deferrals related to the Company’s customer loyalty program). The Company references this non-GAAP financial measure frequently in its decision-making because it provides supplemental information that facilitates internal comparisons to historical periods and external comparisons to competitors. In addition, incentive compensation is based in part on Adjusted EBITDA and the Company bases certain of its forward-looking estimates and budgets on Adjusted EBITDA.

The Company defines Adjusted Net Income (Loss) as net income (loss) excluding the impact of amortization of EnvisionRx intangible assets, merger and acquisition-related costs, loss on debt retirements, LIFO adjustments, and the Walgreens Boots Alliance merger termination fee. The Company calculates Adjusted Net Income (Loss) per Diluted Share using the Company’s above-referenced definition of Adjusted Net Income (Loss). The Company believes Adjusted Net Income (Loss) and Adjusted Net Income (Loss) per Diluted Share serve as appropriate measures to be used in evaluating the performance of its business and help its investors better compare the Company’s operating performance over multiple periods.

Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Net Income (Loss) and Adjusted Net Income (Loss) per Diluted Share should not be considered in isolation from, and are not intended to represent alternative measures of, operating results or of cash flows from operating activities, as determined in accordance with GAAP. The Company’s definitions of Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Net Income (Loss) and Adjusted Net Income (Loss) per Diluted Share may not be comparable to similarly titled measurements reported by other companies or similar terms in the Company’s debt facilities.

In addition, a copy of the Company's Earnings Release Supplement for the second quarter of fiscal 2018 is being furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this Form 8-K.

The information (including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2) being furnished pursuant to this "Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition" shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, or the Exchange Act regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release, dated September 28, 2017

99.2 Second Quarter Fiscal 2018 Supplemental Information

**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.

**RITE AID CORPORATION**

Dated: September 28, 2017 By: /s/ James J. Comitale

Name: James J. Comitale

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit No. Description

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