# 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): October 27, 2004

## ANTHEM, INC.

 $(Exact\ name\ of\ registrant\ as\ specified\ in\ its\ charter)$ 

Indiana001-1675135-2145715(State or other)(Commission)(IRS Employer)

jurisdiction of File Number) Identification No.)

incorporation)

120 Monument Circle

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#### Indianapolis, IN 46204

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (317) 488-6000

#### 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))

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Section 2 Financial Information.
Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.
On October 27, 2004, Anthem, Inc. issued a press release reporting its financial results for its third quarter ended September 30, 2004.
All of the information furnished in this report shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and shall not be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Whether made before
or after the date hereof and regardless of any general incorporation language in such filings.
Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits.
Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.
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(c) Exhibits
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99.1 Press Release dated October 27, 2004 announcing results for the quarter ended September 30, 2004 for Anthem, Inc.

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#### **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.

Dated: October 27, 2004

ANTHEM, INC.

By: /s/ Michael L. Smith Name: Michael L. Smith

Title: Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial and Accounting Officer