TENET HEALTHCARE CORP Form 8-K August 07, 2003

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: August 6, 2003
(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 9. Tenet Reaches Settlement With Federal and State Authorities on Redding Medical Center Issues.

On August 6, 2003, Tenet Healthcare Corporation issued a press release stating that Tenet and its subsidiaries have entered into a settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice and other federal and California state authorities that ends criminal and civil investigations of the Tenet entities regarding certain allegedly unnecessary cardiac procedures performed at Redding Medical Center. A copy of the press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and hereby is furnished.

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 6, 2003

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EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release dated August 6, 2003.

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