LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC. Form 8-K March 19, 2015

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): March 17, 2015

LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 000-51251 (Commission File Number) **20-1538254** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

330 Seven Springs Way Brentwood, Tennessee (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

37027 (Zip Code)

(615) 920-7000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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Not Applicable

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

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- o 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.

Effective March 17, 2015, LifePoint Hospitals, Inc. (the Company) entered into a trading plan (the Plan) in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as amended (the Act), under which the Company may repurchase its shares at times when the Company would not ordinarily be in the market due to the Company s trading policies or possession of material non-public information. This plan has been established pursuant to, and as part of, the Company s stock repurchase program, which is effective through October 1, 2015, of which \$75.0 million remained available as of March 16, 2015.

The Plan will expire on May 5, 2015, unless terminated earlier in accordance with its terms. The Company does not retain or exercise any discretion over purchases of common stock under the Plan. The timing and extent of the repurchases under the Plan are subject to SEC regulations as well as certain price, market volume and timing constraints specified in the Plan.

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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.

LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC.

By:

/s/ Paul D. Gilbert Name: Title:

Paul D. Gilbert Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer

Dated: March 17, 2015

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