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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 8, 2004 (October 7, 2004)

RITE AID CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

D	elaware	1-5742	23-1614034
,	te or Other Jurisdiction Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
30 Hunter Lane, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania			17011
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)			(Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code:			(717) 761-2633 -
None			
(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 communicate Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.1	-	d-2(b) under the

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors;

[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4 (c) under the

Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Appointment of Principal Officers.

(d)

On October 8, 2004, we announced that Michael A. Friedman, MD has been elected to our Board of Directors, effective as of October 7, 2004. There was no arrangement or understanding pursuant to which Dr. Friedman was elected as a director, and there are no related party transactions between us and Dr. Friedman. Dr. Friedman will initially not serve as a member of any committee of our Board of Directors. Dr. Friedman's term will expire at our annual meeting in June 2005.

The press release issued on October 8, 2004 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Registrant's Press Release, dated October 8, 2004.

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: October 8, 2004 By: /s/Robert B. Sari

Name: Robert B. Sari

Title: Senior Vice President,

General Counsel and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Registrant's Press Release dated October 8, 2004.