

AMERISOURCEBERGEN CORP  
Form 8-K  
July 02, 2004

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 30, 2004**

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**AmerisourceBergen Corporation**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**1-16671**  
Commission File Number

**23-3079390**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

**1300 Morris Drive**  
**Chesterbrook, PA**

**19087**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (610) 727-7000**

N/A

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

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Item 5. Other Events.

AmerisourceBergen Corporation (the Registrant) has learned that the Office of Inspector General (the OIG) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services amended its Notice of Action against PharMerica Drug Systems, Inc. (PDSI), on or about June 30, 2004, to include PharMerica, Inc. (PharMerica), PDSI's parent. The OIG has alleged that PDSI's 1997 acquisition of Hollins Manor I, LLC (HMI) from HCMF Corporation (HCMF) violated the anti-kickback provisions of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §1320a-7a(a)(7). The OIG is seeking civil monetary penalties of \$200,000, statutory damages of \$21,600,000 (representing treble the purchase price that PDSI paid for HMI) and the exclusion of PDSI and PharMerica from Medicare, Medicaid and all federal healthcare programs for a period of 10 years.

The Registrant believes that the allegations set forth in the Notice of Action are totally without merit and intends to vigorously contest the allegations in their entirety. As to the amendment, the Registrant believes that PharMerica is an inappropriate party to the action for a number of reasons (including, among other things, the fact that PharMerica was not a party to the acquisition). The Registrant intends to vigorously contest the inclusion of PharMerica as a party to the action. The Registrant does not expect the resolution of this matter to have a material adverse effect on its financial condition.

PDSI's acquisition of HMI in 1997 predated both Bergen Brunswig Corporation's acquisition of PharMerica in 1999 and the subsequent merger of AmeriSource Health Corporation and Bergen Brunswig Corporation to form the Registrant in August 2001.

