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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 23, 1997

VENCOR, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-10989	61-1055020
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

400 West Market Street
Louisville, Kentucky
(Address of principal executive offices)
40202
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (502) 596-7300

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

ITEMS 1-4. NOT APPLICABLE.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION.

On October 23, 1997, Vencor, Inc. (the "Company") announced that its Board of Directors has approved the repurchase of up to 3,000,000 shares of the Company's common stock. The authorization includes both open market purchases as well as private transactions from time to time. A copy of the press release is included as an exhibit to this filing and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 6. NOT APPLICABLE.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(a) Financial statements of businesses acquired.

Not applicable.

(b) Pro forma financial information.

Not applicable.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated October 23, 1997.

ITEMS 8-9. NOT APPLICABLE.

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.

VENCOR, INC.

Dated: October 23, 1997

By: /s/ W. Bruce Lunsford

W. Bruce Lunsford
Chairman of the Board,
President and Chief
Executive Officer

[Logo of Vencor, Inc. appears here]

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VENCOR ANNOUNCES STOCK REPURCHASE PROGRAM

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (October 23, 1997) - Vencor, Inc. (NYSE: VC) today announced that its Board of Directors has approved the repurchase of up to 3,000,000 shares of the Company's common stock. The authorization includes both open market purchases as well as private transactions from time to time. Vencor currently has approximately 70.0 million shares of common stock outstanding.

W. Bruce Lunsford, Chief Executive Officer, commented, "We believe that investing in the Company's shares at current prices represents an attractive use of the Company's funds. Vencor's strong financial position will allow us to execute this program while maintaining our plans for the continued development of our integrated healthcare network."

Vencor, a long-term healthcare company with over \$3 billion in annual revenues, owns and operates a national network of hospitals, nursing centers and contract service providers in 46 states.