

**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

September 8, 2011
(Date of earliest event reported)

**LABORATORY CORPORATION OF
AMERICA HOLDINGS**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-11353

(Commission File Number)

13-3757370

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**358 South Main Street,
Burlington, North Carolina**

(Address of principal executive offices)

27215

(Zip Code)

336-229-1127

(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On September 8, 2011, Laboratory Corporation of America® Holdings (LabCorp®) (NYSE: LH) announced that it has extended the term of its agreement with UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company (UnitedHealthcare), an affiliate of UnitedHealth Group Incorporated (NYSE: UNH) for an additional two years. The agreement, which was effective January 1, 2007, will now continue through the end of 2018. Under the terms of the agreement, LabCorp will continue to be the national laboratory for UnitedHealthcare and Oxford Health Plans and the exclusive laboratory provider for the HMO benefit plans of PacifiCare of Colorado, PacifiCare of Arizona, Neighborhood Health Partnership in Florida, and Mid Atlantic Medical Services, L.L.C. (MAMSI) in Maryland and Virginia.

Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated September 8, 2011

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.

LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS

Registrant

By: /s/ F. SAMUEL EBERTS III

F. Samuel Eberts III

Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

September 8, 2011

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LabCorp Extends Agreement with UnitedHealthcare

Burlington, NC, September 8, 2011 — Laboratory Corporation of America® Holdings (LabCorp®) (NYSE: LH) announced today that it has extended the term of its agreement with UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company (UnitedHealthcare), an affiliate of UnitedHealth Group Incorporated (NYSE: UNH) for an additional two years. The agreement, which was effective January 1, 2007, will now continue through the end of 2018. Under the terms of the agreement, LabCorp will continue to be the national laboratory for UnitedHealthcare and Oxford Health Plans and the exclusive laboratory provider for the HMO benefit plans of PacifiCare of Colorado, PacifiCare of Arizona, Neighborhood Health Partnership in Florida, and Mid Atlantic Medical Services, L.L.C. (MAMSI) in Maryland and Virginia.

“We are very pleased to extend our partnership with UnitedHealthcare as their exclusive national laboratory,” said David P. King, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of LabCorp. “Through our partnership, we have delivered high quality laboratory services to UnitedHealthcare’s customers and lowered their laboratory spend. This extension is an important mutual recognition of the benefits that our strategic partnership has brought to both companies, and demonstrates our renewed commitment to work together to provide the highest quality care at the most reasonable cost.”

About LabCorp®

Laboratory Corporation of America® Holdings, an S&P 500 company, is a pioneer in commercializing new diagnostic technologies and the first in its industry to embrace genomic testing. With annual revenues of \$5.0 billion in 2010, over 31,000 employees worldwide, and more than 220,000 clients, LabCorp offers a broad test menu ranging from routine blood analyses to reproductive genetics to DNA sequencing. LabCorp furthers its scientific expertise and innovative clinical testing technology with its Centers of Excellence: The Center for Molecular Biology and Pathology, National Genetics Institute, ViroMed Laboratories, Inc., The Center for Esoteric Testing, Litholink Corporation, Genzyme Genetics^{SM*}, DIANON Systems, Inc., US LABS, Monogram Biosciences, Inc., and Esoterix and its Colorado Coagulation, Endocrine Sciences, and Cytometry Associates laboratories. LabCorp conducts clinical trials testing through its Esoterix Clinical Trials Services division. LabCorp clients include physicians, government agencies, managed care organizations, hospitals, clinical labs, and pharmaceutical companies. To learn more about our organization, visit our Web site at: www.labcorp.com.

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