

Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
December 07, 2009

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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):

December 3, 2009

Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana

1-6651

35-1160484

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

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

1069 State Route 46 East, Batesville, Indiana

47006-8835

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(812) 934-7777

Not Applicable

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)  
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 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On December 3, 2009, the Board of Directors of Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") appointed James R. Giertz to the Board of Directors as a Class I director for a term expiring at the Company's 2010 annual meeting of shareholders. Mr. Giertz also was appointed as a member of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Giertz will receive the compensation provided generally to the Company's non-employee directors and, in connection with his appointment, received a grant of deferred stock shares (otherwise known as restricted stock units) representing a pro rata portion of the 2009 annual grant to non-employee directors corresponding to the portion of the year during which he will serve as a director. For a description of the compensation provided to the Company's non-employee directors, see "Compensation of Non-Employee Directors" in the Company's Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 7, 2009.

A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Giertz's appointment is filed with this report as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits:

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

99.1 Press Release dated December 7, 2009

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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.

Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc.

*December 7, 2009*

By: */S/ Gregory N. Miller*

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*Name: Gregory N. Miller*

*Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc.

*December 7, 2009*

By: */S/ Richard G. Keller*

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*Name: Richard G. Keller*

*Title: Vice President - Controller and Chief Accounting Officer*

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| <b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>            |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 99.1                      | Press Release dated December 7, 2009 |