

AMERICAN HEALTHWAYS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 20, 2004

**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 20, 2004

**American Healthways, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

000-19364

62-1117144

(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

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

3841 Green Hills Village Drive  
Nashville, Tennessee

37215

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (615) 665-1122

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

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### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On December 20, 2004, American Healthways, Inc. issued a press release announcing earnings results for the first quarter ended November 30, 2004, the text of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### (c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release.

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SIGNATURE

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, thereto duly authorized.

American Healthways, Inc.

/s/ Mary A. Chaput

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Mary A. Chaput  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 20, 2004

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| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                    |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1               | Press Release dated December 20, 2004 |

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