

EXPRESS SCRIPTS INC
Form 8-K
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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): September 2, 2011

Express Scripts, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

0-20199

43-1420563

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

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

One Express Way, St. Louis, MO

63121

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 314-996-0900

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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

Item 8.01. Other Events

As previously disclosed, on July 20, 2011, Express Scripts, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Express Scripts), entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the merger agreement) with Medco Health Solutions, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Medco), Aristotle Holding, Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Express Scripts (Parent), Aristotle Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Parent, and Plato Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Parent.

The combination of Express Scripts and Medco contemplated by the merger agreement (the merger) remains subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain closing conditions, including the expiration of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended (the HSR Act).

Both Express Scripts and Medco filed notification and report forms with the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (the FTC) pursuant to the HSR Act on August 3, 2011. As a result, the waiting period under the HSR Act with respect to the merger was scheduled to expire on September 2, 2011, unless a request for additional information was received prior to expiration.

On September 2, 2011, Express Scripts and Medco each received a request for additional information (a second request) from the FTC in connection with the FTC s review of the merger. A second request was anticipated by the parties to the mergers at the time of signing of the merger agreement.

Issuance of the second request extends the waiting period under the HSR Act until 30 days after both parties have substantially complied with the requests, unless the waiting period is terminated sooner by the FTC. The companies have been cooperating with the FTC staff since shortly after the announcement of the merger and intend to continue to work cooperatively with the FTC staff in the review of the merger. Express Scripts and Medco intend to respond to the second request as promptly as practicable. While the companies cannot specify how long it will take to comply with the second request, they continue to anticipate the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement will close in the first half of 2012, as previously announced.

Completion of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement remains subject to approval by the stockholders of each of Express Scripts and Medco, as well as the satisfaction or waiver of the other, customary, closing conditions specified in the merger agreement.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This material may include forward-looking statements, both with respect to us and our industry, that reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance. Statements that include the words expect, intend, plan, believe, project, anticipate, will, may, would and similar statements of a future or forward may be used to identify forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements address matters that involve risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control. Accordingly, there are or will be important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated in such statements and, therefore, you should not place undue reliance on any such statements. We believe that these factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

STANDARD OPERATING FACTORS

Our ability to remain profitable in a very competitive marketplace is dependent upon our ability to attract and retain clients while maintaining our margins, to differentiate our products and services from others in the marketplace, and to develop and cross sell new products and services to our existing clients;

Our failure to anticipate and appropriately adapt to changes in the rapidly changing health care industry;

Changes in applicable laws or regulations, or their interpretation or enforcement, or the enactment of new laws or regulations, which apply to our business practices (past, present or future) or require us to spend significant resources in order to comply;

Changes to the healthcare industry designed to manage healthcare costs or alter healthcare financing practices;

Changes relating to our participation in Medicare Part D, the loss of Medicare Part D eligible members, or our failure to otherwise execute on our strategies related to Medicare Part D;

A failure in the security or stability of our technology infrastructure, or the infrastructure of one or more of our key vendors, or a significant failure or disruption in service within our operations or the operations of such vendors;

Our failure to effectively execute on strategic transactions, or to integrate or achieve anticipated benefits from any acquired businesses;

The termination, or an unfavorable modification, of our relationship with one or more key pharmacy providers, or significant changes within the pharmacy provider marketplace;

The termination, or an unfavorable modification, of our relationship with one or more key pharmaceutical manufacturers, or the significant reduction in payments made or discounts provided by pharmaceutical manufacturers;

Changes in industry pricing benchmarks;

Results in pending and future litigation or other proceedings which would subject us to significant monetary damages or penalties and/or require us to change our business practices, or the costs incurred in connection with such proceedings;

Our failure to execute on, or other issues arising under, certain key client contracts;

The impact of our debt service obligations on the availability of funds for other business purposes, and the terms and our required compliance with covenants relating to our indebtedness; our failure to attract and retain talented employees, or to manage succession and retention for our Chief Executive Officer or other key executives;

TRANSACTION-RELATED FACTORS

Uncertainty as to whether Express Scripts, Inc. (Express Scripts) will be able to consummate the transaction with Medco Health Solutions, Inc. (Medco) on the terms set forth in the merger agreement;

The ability to obtain governmental approvals of the transaction with Medco;

Uncertainty as to the actual value of total consideration to be paid in the transaction with Medco;

Failure to realize the anticipated benefits of the transaction, including as a result of a delay in completing the transaction or a delay or difficulty in integrating the businesses of Express Scripts and Medco;

Uncertainty as to the long-term value of Express Scripts Holding Company (currently known as Aristotle Holding, Inc.) common shares;

Limitation on the ability of Express Scripts and Express Scripts Holding Company to incur new debt in connection with the transaction;

The expected amount and timing of cost savings and operating synergies; and

Failure to receive the approval of the stockholders of either Express Scripts or Medco for the transaction.

The foregoing review of important factors should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements that are included herein and elsewhere, including the risk factors included in Express Scripts' most recent reports on Form 10-K and Form 10-Q and the risk factors included in Medco's most recent reports on Form 10-K and Form 10-Q and other documents of Express Scripts, Express Scripts Holding Company and Medco on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Any forward-looking statements made in this material are qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements, and there can be no assurance that the actual results or developments anticipated by us will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on, us or our business or operations. Except to the extent required by applicable law, we undertake no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND WHERE TO FIND IT

This communication is not a solicitation of a proxy from any stockholder of Express Scripts, Medco or Express Scripts Holding Company. In connection with the Agreement and Plan of Merger among Medco, Express Scripts, Express Scripts Holding Company, Plato Merger Sub Inc. and Aristotle Merger Sub, Inc. (the Merger), Medco, Express Scripts and Express Scripts Holding Company, intend to file relevant materials with the SEC, including a Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed by Express Scripts Holding Company that will contain a joint proxy statement/prospectus. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THESE MATERIALS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL

CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MEDCO, EXPRESS SCRIPTS, EXPRESS SCRIPTS HOLDING COMPANY AND THE MERGER. The Form S-4, including the joint proxy statement/prospectus, and other relevant materials (when they become available), and any other documents filed by Express Scripts, Express Scripts Holding Company or Medco with the SEC, may be obtained free of charge at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by directing a written request to:

Mackenzie Partners, Inc.
105 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10016

This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to the registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SOLICITATION

Express Scripts, Express Scripts Holding Company and Medco and their respective executive officers and directors may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the security holders of either Express Scripts and Medco in connection with the Merger. Information about Express Scripts' directors and executive officers is available in Express Scripts' definitive proxy statement, dated March 21, 2011, for its 2011 annual general meeting of stockholders. Information about Medco's directors and executive officers is available in Medco's definitive proxy statement, dated April 8, 2011, for its 2011 annual general meeting of stockholders. Other information regarding the participants and description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the Form S-4 and the joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding the Merger that Express Scripts Holding Company will file with the SEC when it becomes available.

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.

EXPRESS SCRIPTS, INC.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Keith Ebling
Name: Keith Ebling
Title: Executive Vice President and General
Counsel

Dated: September 2, 2011