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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 8, 2004

UICI

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	001-14953	75-2044750
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
9151 Grapevine Highway, North Richland Hills, Texas		76180
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including	area code <u>: (817) 255-520</u> 0	

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On October 8, 2004, UICI issued a press release announcing that it completed its previously-announced acquisition of substantially all of the operating assets of HealthMarket, Inc., a Norwalk, Connecticut-based provider of consumer driven health plans (CDHPs) to the small business (2 to 250 employees) marketplace.

A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.

Not applicable

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information

Not applicable

- (c) Exhibits
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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.

UICI

(Registrant)

Date: October 12, 2004

By: /s/ Mark D. Hauptman

Mark D. Hauptman

Vice President and Chief Financial

Officer

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