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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 6, 2004**

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**Rotech Healthcare Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**333-100750**  
(Commission File Number)

**030408870**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**2600 Technology Drive, Suite 300**  
**Orlando, Florida 32804**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(407) 822-4600**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**Item 5.** Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

On July 6, 2004, Rotech Healthcare Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that Barry E. Stewart has been appointed to the position of Chief Financial Officer, effective July 6, 2004. Mr. Stewart will replace Janet L. Ziomek, who has resigned for personal reasons. The Company also announced the appointment of Arthur J. Reimers as Chairman of the Board, replacing William Wallace Abbott and the appointment of John (Jack) McKenna as Vice President of Human Resources. A copy of the Company's press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated by reference into this report.

**Item 7.** Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release announcing new Chairman of the Board and management changes dated July 6, 2004.

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.

ROTECH HEALTHCARE INC.

Date: July 6, 2004

By: /s/ Michael R. Dobbs

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Michael R. Dobbs  
Chief Operating Officer

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release announcing new Chairman of the Board and management changes dated July 6, 2004.



Rotech Healthcare:

Philip L. Carter  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
407-822-4600

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Rotech Healthcare Announces New Chairman of the Board and Management Changes**

**ORLANDO, Fla. – July 6, 2004**– Rotech Healthcare Inc. (OTC: ROHI.PK) (the “Company”) today announced the appointment of Barry E. Stewart as the Company’s new Chief Financial Officer, effective July 6, 2004. Mr. Stewart will replace Janet L. Ziomek, who has resigned for personal reasons.

Barry Stewart comes to Rotech with considerable experience in healthcare, most recently serving as Chief Financial Officer of Evolved Digital Systems, Inc. Barry Stewart also previously served as Vice President, Finance & Treasurer of Community Health Systems, Inc.

Philip L. Carter, President and Chief Executive Officer commented, “We are grateful for Janet’s extensive commitment and achievements in building the business here at Rotech, and we wish her great success in the next phase of her career.” Mr. Carter added, “While we are disappointed to lose Janet’s services, we are extremely pleased to add Barry to our senior management team. Barry’s education and background are ideal for understanding both our financial and technical operations. We welcome Barry as a key member of our team.”

The Board of Directors also appointed Arthur J. Reimers as Chairman of the Board, replacing William Wallace Abbott. Mr. Reimers has served as a member of the Board since 2002. He has also served as a member of the Company’s audit committee. “The Board of Directors has been very pleased with the progress of the Company. I am looking forward to working with my fellow Board members and management as we continue to build the organization and execute our strategy for the future,” Mr. Reimers commented. Mr. Abbott will continue to serve as a member of the Board.

**Other Developments**

Rotech announced the appointment of John (Jack) McKenna as Vice President of Human Resources, responsible for all personnel activities within Rotech Healthcare Inc. Jack McKenna brings considerable expertise in Human Resources having held many senior positions in a variety of industries and coming to Rotech from Disney World in Orlando.

## **About Rotech Healthcare**

Rotech Healthcare Inc. is a leading provider of home respiratory care and durable medical equipment and services to patients with breathing disorders such as chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases (COPD). The Company provides its equipment and services in 48 states through approximately 500 operating centers, located principally in non-urban markets. Rotech's local operating centers ensure that patients receive individualized care, while its nationwide coverage allows the Company to benefit from significant operating efficiencies.

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

*Statements contained in this press release may contain forward-looking statements as contemplated by the 1995 Private Securities Litigation Reform Act that are based on management's current expectations, estimates and projections. Words such as "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "believes," "estimates," variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are subject to known, and unknown risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or implied in the forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the control of the Company, include but are not limited to, the risks, uncertainties and assumptions associated with: changes in reimbursement policies and other legislative initiatives aimed at reducing healthcare costs associated with Medicare and Medicaid; the collectibility of the Company's accounts receivable; changes in government regulation generally; compliance with various settlement agreements and corporate compliance programs established by the Company; the Company's emergence from bankruptcy and its spin-off from its former parent company; compliance with confidentiality requirements with respect to patient information; and other factors. Rotech Healthcare Inc. does not undertake any obligation to publicly release any revisions to any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this release or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.*