

ASSURANT INC
Form 8-K
October 29, 2013

**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): 10/29/2013

Assurant, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 001-31978

DE
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

39-1126612
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One Chase Manhattan Plaza, 41st Floor
New York, New York 10005
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(212) 859-7000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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:

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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 2.05. Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities

On October 29, 2013, Assurant Health, a reporting segment of Assurant, Inc. (the "Company"), notified employees of workforce reductions as part of its overall expense management efforts.

These workforce reductions, which Assurant Health expects will be largely completed by early January 2014, result primarily from the elimination of underwriting for certain products under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and are designed to reduce expenses. The Company estimates that severance and outplacement costs will result in a pre-tax charge of approximately \$5.1 million to fourth quarter 2013 segment results. The Company expects substantially all of this charge to result in future cash expenditures in the approximate amount given above.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT - Some of the statements included in this Form 8-K, particularly those projecting the timing and amount of workforce reduction charges, may be forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Actual results and timing may differ materially from those projected herein due to numerous factors, including the Company's ability to implement these reductions as planned, effective tax rates and unanticipated charges that may occur as a result of these actions. The Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements in this Form 8-K as a result of new information or future events or developments. For a detailed discussion of risk factors that could affect our results, please refer to the risk factors identified in our annual and periodic reports, including but not limited to our 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K, as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

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.

Assurant, Inc.

Date: October 29, 2013

By: /s/ Stephen W. Gauster

Stephen W. Gauster
Senior Vice President, Chief Corporate Counsel and Assistant Secretary