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December 02, 2003

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 1, 2003

THE HARTFORD FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	001-13958	13-3317783
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(State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.
Hartford Plaza
Hartford, Connecticut

06115-1900

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (860) 547-5000

Item 5. Other Events.

On December 1, 2003, The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. announced that it has agreed to acquire CNA Financial Corporation's group life and accident, short-term and long-term disability and certain specialty businesses, excluding group long term care. The definitive purchase price will be set at closing, but based on the surplus as of September 30, 2003 the acquisition will be made for approximately \$500 million in cash.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

THE HARTFORD FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP, INC.

Date: December 2, 2003

By: /s/ Neal S. Wolin

Name: Neal S. Wolin
Title: Executive Vice President and
General Counsel