

UNITRIN INC
Form 8-K
May 18, 2011

**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): 05/17/2011

Unitrin, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 0-18298

DE
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

95-4255452
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60601
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

312-661-4600
(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 8.01. Other Events

The registrant, Unitrin, Inc. (the "Company" or "Unitrin") issued a press release on May 17, 2011, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.01, announcing its preliminary estimate of catastrophe losses due to several, severe tornados and other storms during the month of April. The Company estimates second quarter results will include between \$65 million and \$75 million in pre-tax catastrophe losses related to the April storm activity. Amounts recoverable through reinsurance are estimated to be immaterial.

Customers across more than a dozen states were impacted, with those in North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and Alabama suffering the largest losses. Unitrin's catastrophe teams have been on the ground since the storms began, working to provide funds for emergency living expenses and to expedite claims processing. Total claims are estimated to reach approximately 12,000.

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements give expectations or forecasts of future events or outcomes and can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. These statements are based on our estimates and assumptions that involve a number of risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict. These statements are not guarantees of future performance; actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements, and can be affected by inaccurate assumptions or by known or unknown risks and uncertainties. No assurances can be given that the results contemplated in any forward-looking statements will be achieved. Accordingly, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such statements, which speak only as of the date of this release. The Company assumes no obligation to publicly correct or update any forward-looking statements as a result of events or developments subsequent to the date of this report. The reader is advised, however, to consult any further disclosures Unitrin makes on related subjects in its filings with the SEC, as well as risk factors and other information included in the Company's most recent Form 10-K and 10-Q reports.

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.

Unitrin, Inc.

Date: May 18, 2011

By: /s/ Dennis R. Vigneau

Dennis R. Vigneau
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|---------------------------|--|
| EX-99.01 | Unitrin press release dated May 17, 2011 |