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 15, 2007

Cross Country Healthcare, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 0-33169 (Commission File Number) 13-4066229 (I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

33487

(Zip Code)

6551 Park of Commerce Blvd., N.W., Boca Raton, FL
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (561) 998-2232

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, If Changed Since Last Report.)

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Item 1.01 Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.

(a) In October 2007, pursuant to the 2007 Stock Incentive Plan (the Plan), the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Cross Country Healthcare (the Company), approved grants of stock appreciation rights (SAR s) under the Plan. The form of Stock Appreciation Rights Agreement used by the Company in connection with the grant of SAR s is filed as Exhibit 10.1 hereto.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits:

Exhibit No. Description

Exhibit 10.1 Form of Stock Appreciation Rights Agreement pursuant to the Company s 2007 Stock Incentive Plan

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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.

CROSS COUNTRY HEALTHCARE, INC.

BY: /s/ Emil Hensel Name: Emil Hensel

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 15, 2007