

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**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 13, 2019

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**Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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

**001-35331**  
(Commission File Number)

**45-2492228**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**6100 Tower Circle, Suite 1000**  
**Franklin, Tennessee**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**37067**  
(Zip Code)

**(615) 861-6000**  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

**Not Applicable**  
(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 (See General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<b>Title of each class</b>	<b>Trading Symbol</b>	<b>Name of each exchange on which registered</b>
<b>Common Stock, \$0.01 par value</b>	<b>ACHC</b>	<b>NASDAQ Global Select Market</b>

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Effective December 13, 2019, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Acadia” or the “Company”) increased the number of Class II directors serving on the Board from two to three and elected Jason R. Bernhard to fill the vacancy created by the increase in the number of Class II directors. The term of office of Class II directors expires at the Company’s annual meeting of stockholders in 2022. The Board has not named Mr. Bernhard to any committees of the Board, but expects to do so at a future meeting.

Mr. Bernhard is the Chief Operating Officer, Financial Advisory North America; Managing Director, Head of North America Healthcare Investment Banking; and a Vice Chairman of Investment Banking at Lazard Ltd. Mr. Bernhard earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1988 and an MBA from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in 1993.

Mr. Bernhard will receive compensation for his service to the Company in accordance with the Company’s existing compensation plan for nonemployee directors. Information with respect to the director compensation plan is set forth in the definitive proxy statement for the Company’s 2019 annual meeting of stockholders, filed with the SEC on March 21, 2019.

A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Bernhard’s election to the Board is filed as [Exhibit 99](#) to this report.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

[99](#) [Press Release of Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc., dated December 17, 2019.](#)

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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.

**ACADIA HEALTHCARE COMPANY, INC.**

Date: December 17, 2019

By: /s/ Christopher L. Howard

Name: Christopher L. Howard

Title: Executive Vice President and General Counsel

## **Acadia Healthcare Names Senior Healthcare Investment Banker Jason Bernhard to Board of Directors**

### ***Adds Business, Financial and Capital Markets Expertise to Acadia Board***

FRANKLIN, Tenn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--December 17, 2019--Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc. (NASDAQ: ACHC) today announced that Jason R. Bernhard has been appointed to serve as an independent director on its Board of Directors. Mr. Bernhard's appointment, which is effective immediately, will increase the size of the Acadia Board to eight members, seven of whom are independent.

Mr. Bernhard is currently Chief Operating Officer, Financial Advisory North America; Managing Director, Head of North America Healthcare Investment Banking; and a Vice Chairman of Investment Banking at Lazard. Prior to joining Lazard in 1997, Mr. Bernhard was an investment banker at Citigroup (formerly Smith Barney) and Merrill Lynch. Mr. Bernhard earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1988 and an MBA from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in 1993.

"On behalf of the Acadia Board of Directors, I am delighted to welcome Jason to the Board," said Reeve B. Waud, Chairman of Acadia's Board. "Bringing over 25 years of investment banking experience, Jason's unique perspectives as one of the leading investment bankers in the healthcare industry and his tremendous business, financial and capital markets expertise will be highly valuable as we continue to pursue Acadia's strategic priorities and drive long-term, sustainable shareholder value."

Mr. Bernhard stated, "Acadia is uniquely positioned as the leading behavioral healthcare platform. I'm honored to be joining the Acadia Board and look forward to contributing to its continued success."

### **About Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc.**

Acadia is a provider of behavioral healthcare services. At September 30, 2019, Acadia operated a network of 589 behavioral healthcare facilities with approximately 18,000 beds in 40 states, the United Kingdom and Puerto Rico. Acadia provides behavioral health and addiction services to its patients in a variety of settings, including inpatient psychiatric hospitals, specialty treatment facilities, residential treatment centers and outpatient clinics.

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