AWARE INC /MA/ Form 8-K November 19, 2012

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): November 19, 2012

AWARE, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 000-21129 (Commission File Number) 04-2911026 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

40 Middlesex Turnpike, Bedford, MA, 01730 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (781) 276-4000

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:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

On November 19, 2012, Aware Inc. announced that its Board of Directors declared a special cash dividend of \$1.80 per share payable to the company's common stockholders (approximately \$40 million in the aggregate). The record date for the special cash dividend will be the close of business on December 3, 2012 and the payable date for the special cash dividend will be December 17, 2012.

The special cash dividend will be funded with cash on hand as the Board of Directors has determined that the company's current cash balances exceed the company's capital requirements.

A copy of the press release issued by the company with respect to the foregoing matters is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

(d) EXHIBITS.

NumberDescription99.1Press release issued by Aware, Inc. on November 19, 2012, entitled
"Aware, Inc. Declares Special Cash Dividend of \$1.80 Per Share, Or
Approximately \$40 Million In Total."

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, thereunto duly authorized.

AWARE, INC.

Dated: November 19, 2012

By:

/s/ Richard P. Moberg Richard P. Moberg co-Chief Executive Officer and co-President Chief Financial Officer

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