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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 19, 2017 (January 18, 2017)**

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

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**Indiana**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-16751**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**35-2145715**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**120 Monument Circle**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46204**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (317) 488-6000**

**N/A**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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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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**Section 8—Other Events****Item 8.01—Other Events.**

On January 18, 2017, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “Merger Agreement”) dated as of July 23, 2015, among Anthem, Inc. (the “Company”), Anthem Merger Sub Corp. and Cigna Corporation (“Cigna”), the Company delivered written notice to Cigna that Anthem has elected to extend the “Termination Date” (as defined in the Merger Agreement) through and including April 30, 2017.

Anthem’s election to extend the Termination Date is based on its determination that additional time will be needed to consummate the merger contemplated by the Merger Agreement, regardless of the outcome of the District Court’s proceeding in *United States, et al. v. Anthem, Inc. and Cigna Corp.*

The foregoing description of the Merger Agreement is subject to, and is qualified in its entirety by, the full text of the Merger Agreement, which was filed as Exhibit 2.1 to the Current Report filed by Anthem on July 27, 2015, and which is incorporated herein by reference.

**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.

Dated: January 19, 2017

ANTHEM, INC.

By: /s/ Kathleen S. Kiefer

Name: Kathleen S. Kiefer

Title: Corporate Secretary