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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): May 12, 2004

ProAssurance Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-16533 63-1261433 (State of Incorporation) (Commission File No.) (IRS Employer I.D. No.)

100 Brookwood Place, Birmingham, Alabama 35209
(Address of Principal Executive Office) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (205) 877-4400

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits filed with this report:

Number Exhibit

99.1 Copy of Registrant's press release, dated May 12, 2004, as described in Item 9 of this filing.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

The registrant has furnished this report to disclose for Regulation FD purposes its public release of:

1. The announcement of a placement of Trust Preferred Securities. A copy of the press release, dated May 12, 2004 is included as exhibit 99.1 to this report.

The information in this Form 8-K, including the accompanying exhibit, is being

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furnished under Item 12 and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liability of such section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, regardless of the general incorporation language of such filing, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 12, 2004

PROASSURANCE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Howard H. Friedman

Howard H. Friedman Chief Financial Officer