HORACE MANN EDUCATORS CORP /DE/ Form 8-K August 26, 2004

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: August 25, 2004

HORACE MANN EDUCATORS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of incorporation)

1-10890 (Commission File Number) **37-0911756** (I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

1 Horace Mann Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62715-0001

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 217-789-2500

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)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Forward-looking Information

Statements included in the accompanying press release that state Horace Mann Educators Corporation s (the Company) or its management s intentions, hopes, beliefs, expectations or predictions of future events or the Company s future financial performance are forward-looking statements and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors. It is important to note that the Company s actual results could differ materially from those projected in such forward-looking statements. Information concerning factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward-looking statements is contained from time to time in the Company s public filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Item 8.01: Other Events

On August 25, 2004, Horace Mann Educators Corporation issued a press release regarding its estimated financial impact from Hurricane Charley and guidance on financial results for the year ended December 31, 2004. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01: Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (c) Exhibits.
 - 99.1 Glossary of Selected Terms
 - 99.2 Press release dated August 25, 2004 regarding the Company s estimated financial impact from Hurricane Charley and guidance on financial results for the year ended December 31, 2004.

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.

HORACE MANN EDUCATORS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Bret A. Conklin Name: Bret A. Conklin

Title: Senior Vice President & Controller

(Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: August 25, 2004