

PharMerica CORP
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

PHARMERICA CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of incorporation or organization)

887-0792558
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1901 Campus Place

Louisville, Kentucky 40299

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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

**Title of each class
to be so registered**

**Name of each exchange on which
each class is to be registered**

Preferred Stock Purchase Rights

New York Stock Exchange

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), please check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: **N/A** (if applicable)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **None**

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

On August 25, 2011, the Board of Directors of PharMerica Corporation (the *Company*), a Delaware corporation, declared a dividend of one preferred share purchase right (a *Right*) for each outstanding share of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the *Common Stock*). The dividend is payable on September 6, 2011 to the stockholders of record on September 6, 2011 (the *Record Date*).

The Board of Directors adopted a Rights Agreement, dated as of August 25, 2011 (the *Rights Agreement*), between the Company and Mellon Investor Services LLC, as Rights Agent, to protect stockholders from coercive or otherwise unfair takeover tactics. In general terms, the Rights Agreement works by imposing a significant penalty upon any person or group that acquires 15% or more of the outstanding common stock of the Company without the approval of the Board of Directors. The Rights Agreement should not interfere with any merger or other business combination approved by the Board of Directors.

A summary of the terms of the Rights Agreement follows. This description is only a summary, and is not complete, and should be read together with the entire Rights Agreement, which has been filed as an exhibit to this Form 8-A. A copy of the Rights Agreement is available free of charge from the Company.

Issuance of Rights. Each holder of Common Stock of the Company as of the Record Date will receive a dividend of one Right per share of Common Stock. Each Right entitles the registered holder to purchase from the Company one one-thousandth of a share of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company (the *Preferred Stock*) at a price of \$45 per one one-thousandth of a share of Preferred Stock (the *Purchase Price*), subject to adjustment.

Distribution Date. Until the Distribution Date, the Rights will be evidenced, with respect to any of the Common Stock certificates outstanding as of the Record Date, by such Common Stock certificates.

The Distribution Date is the earlier to occur of:

10 days following a public announcement that a person or group of affiliated or associated persons (with certain exceptions, an *Acquiring Person*) has acquired beneficial ownership of 15% or more of the outstanding shares of Common Stock; or

10 business days (or such later date as may be determined by action of the Board of Directors of the Company prior to such time as any person or group of affiliated persons becomes an *Acquiring Person*) following the commencement of, or announcement of an intention to make, a tender offer or exchange offer the consummation of which would result in the beneficial ownership by a person or group of 15% or more of the outstanding shares of Common Stock.

The Rights Agreement provides that, until the Distribution Date (or earlier expiration of the Rights):

the Rights will be transferred with and only with the Common Stock;

new Common Stock certificates issued after the Record Date upon transfer or new issuances of Common Stock will contain a notation incorporating the Rights Agreement by reference; and

the surrender for transfer of any certificates for shares of Common Stock outstanding as of the Record Date, even without such notation or a copy of the Summary of Rights, will also constitute the transfer of the Rights associated with the shares of Common Stock represented by such certificate.

On August 25, 2011, the Board of Directors determined that any Distribution Date that would otherwise result under Section 3(a)(ii) of the Rights Agreement from the public announcements and actions of Omnicare, Inc. and any affiliate thereof be deferred until such time, if ever, that the Board of Directors determines to eliminate such deferral.

Issuance of Rights Certificates. As soon as practicable following the Distribution Date, separate certificates evidencing the Rights (Right Certificates) will be mailed to holders of record of the Common Stock as of the close of business on the Distribution Date and such separate Right Certificates alone will evidence the Rights.

Expiration of Rights. The Rights are not exercisable until the Distribution Date. The Rights will expire on August 25, 2021 (the Final Expiration Date), unless the Final Expiration Date is advanced or extended or unless the Rights are earlier redeemed or exchanged by the Company, in each case as described below. However, the Rights will expire immediately at the final adjournment of the Company 's 2012 annual meeting of stockholders if stockholder approval of the Rights Agreement has not been received prior to such time.

Anti-Dilution Adjustments. The Purchase Price payable, and the number of shares of Preferred Stock or other securities or property issuable, upon exercise of the Rights is subject to adjustment from time to time to prevent dilution. The number of outstanding Rights is subject to adjustment in the event of a stock dividend on the Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock or subdivisions, consolidations or combinations of the Common Stock occurring, in any such case, prior to the Distribution Date.

Terms of Preferred Stock. Shares of Preferred Stock purchasable upon exercise of the Rights will not be redeemable. Each share of Preferred Stock will be entitled, when, as and if declared, to a minimum preferential quarterly dividend payment of the greater of:

\$10.00 per share; and

an amount equal to 1,000 times the dividend declared per share of Common Stock.

In the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, the holders of the Preferred Stock will be entitled to a minimum preferential payment of the greater of:

\$10.00 per share (plus any accrued but unpaid dividends); and

an amount equal to 1,000 times the payment made per share of Common Stock.

Each share of Preferred Stock will have 1,000 votes, voting together with the Common Stock. In the event of any merger, consolidation or other transaction in which outstanding shares of Common Stock are converted or exchanged, each share of Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive 1,000 times the amount received per share of Common Stock. These rights are protected by customary anti-dilution provisions.

Flip-In Event. In the event that any person or group of affiliated or associated persons becomes an Acquiring Person, each holder of a Right, other than Rights beneficially owned by the Acquiring Person (which will thereupon become void), will thereafter have the right to receive upon exercise of a Right that number of shares of Common Stock having a market value of two times the exercise price of the Right.

Flip-Over Event. In the event that, after a person or group has become an Acquiring Person, the Company is acquired in a merger or other business combination transaction or 50% or more of its consolidated assets or earning power are sold, proper provisions will be made so that each holder of a Right (other than Rights beneficially owned by an Acquiring Person which will have become void) will thereafter have the right to receive upon the exercise of a Right that number of shares of common stock of the person with whom the Company has engaged in the foregoing transaction (or its parent) that at the time of such transaction have a market value of two times the exercise price of the Right.

Exchange. At any time after any person or group becomes an Acquiring Person and prior to the earlier of one of the events described in the previous paragraph or the acquisition by such Acquiring Person of 50% or more of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, the Board of Directors of the Company may exchange the Rights (other than Rights owned by such Acquiring Person which will have become void), in whole or in part, for shares of Common Stock or Preferred Stock (or a series of the Company's preferred stock having equivalent rights, preferences and privileges), at an exchange ratio of one share of Common Stock, or a fractional share of Preferred Stock (or other preferred stock) equivalent in value thereto, per Right.

Adjustment to Purchase Price; Fractional Shares. With certain exceptions, no adjustment in the Purchase Price will be required until cumulative adjustments require an adjustment of at least 1% in such Purchase Price. No fractional shares of Preferred Stock or Common Stock will be issued (other than fractions of Preferred Stock which are integral multiples of one one-thousandth of a share of Preferred Stock, which may, at the election of the Company, be evidenced by depositary receipts), and in lieu thereof an adjustment in cash will be made based on the current market price of the Preferred Stock or the Common Stock.

Redemption. At any time prior to the time an Acquiring Person becomes such, the Board of Directors of the Company may redeem the Rights in whole, but not in part, at a price of \$.01 per Right (the Redemption Price) payable, at the option of the Company, in cash, shares of Common Stock or such other form of consideration as the Board of Directors of the Company shall determine. The redemption of the Rights may be made effective at such time, on such basis and with such conditions as the Board of Directors of the Company in its sole discretion may establish. Immediately upon any redemption of the Rights, the right to exercise the Rights will terminate and the only right of the holders of Rights will be to receive the Redemption Price.

Amendment of Rights Agreement. For so long as the Rights are then redeemable, the Company may, except with respect to the Redemption Price, amend the Rights Agreement in any manner. After the Rights are no longer redeemable, the Company may, except with respect to the Redemption Price, amend the Rights Agreement in any manner that does not adversely affect the interests of holders of the Rights.

No Stockholder Rights Until Exercise or Exchange. Until a Right is exercised or exchanged, the holder thereof, as such, will have no rights as a stockholder of the Company, including, without limitation, the right to vote or to receive dividends.

Item 2. Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
3.1	Certificate of Designation for PharMerica Corporation Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.1 to PharMerica Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 25, 2011).
4.1	Rights Agreement, dated as of August 25, 2011, between PharMerica Corporation and Mellon Investor Services LLC as Rights Agent, which includes the form of Certificate of Designation of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock as Exhibit A, the form of Right Certificate as Exhibit B and the Summary of Rights to Purchase Shares of Preferred Stock of PharMerica Corporation as Exhibit C (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.1 to PharMerica Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 25, 2011).

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

PHARMERICA CORPORATION

Date: August 25, 2011

By: /s/ Michael J. Culotta

Michael J. Culotta
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer