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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 December 3, 2002 Date of Report BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 36-0781620 1-4448 _____ _____ (Commission file number) (IRS Employer Identification No.) One Baxter Parkway, Deerfield, Illinois 60015 _____ ____ (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (847) 948-2000 _____

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Item 5. Other Events.

On December 3, 2002, Baxter International Inc. issued the attached press release announcing its intent to divest the majority of the services component of its Renal business and focus primarily on the products used in the treatment of kidney disease. The press release is filed as Exhibit 99 and incorporated by

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reference.

Item 7. Exhibits.

99 Press Release dated December 3, 2002

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Jan Stern Reed Jan Stern Reed

Corporate Secretary

Date: December 3, 2002

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