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

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**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): September 4, 2013

**INDEPENDENCE HOLDING COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**010306**

(Commission File Number)

**58-1407235**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**96 Cummings Point Road, Stamford, Connecticut**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**06902**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(203) 358-8000**

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:

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

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**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On September 4, 2013, Independence Holding Company (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing the commencement of a tender offer to purchase up to 762,640 shares of common stock of American Independence Corp. for \$10.00 per share net to the seller in cash. A copy of the press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated in this Item 8.01 by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.****Exhibit No.    Description**

99.1	Press Release, dated September 4, 2013.
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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, thereunto duly authorized.

**INDEPENDENCE HOLDING COMPANY**

(Registrant)

/s/ Adam C. Vandervoort  
Adam C. Vandervoort  
Corporate Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: September 4, 2013