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 (Date of earliest event reported): February 16, 2011

INDEPENDENCE HOLDING COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 010306 58-1407235
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

96 Cummings Point Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06902 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-05270 11-1817252 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

485 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 355-4141

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers

It is with great sorrow that we announce that Edward Netter, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Independence Holding Company and a director of American Independence Corp., passed away yesterday.

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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 Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

AMERICAN INDEPEDNDENCE CORP.

(Registrant)

/s/ Adam C. Vandervoort Adam C. Vandervoort Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary Date: February 17, 2011

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