

**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): **July 1, 2011**

**Independence Holding Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-32244**  
(Commission File Number)

**58-1407235**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**96 Cummings Point Road  
Stamford, CT 06902**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

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

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 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

*Compensatory Arrangements*

(e) As of July 1, 2011, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Independence Holding Company (the “Company”) approved and authorized changes to the compensation paid to the Company’s independent directors, in recognition of their efforts. Effective as of July 1, 2011, each of the independent directors of the Company will be entitled to the following compensation: (i) annual retainer in the amount of \$36,000 (increased from \$25,000); (ii) meeting fee attendance in the amount of \$1,500 per meeting of the full Board, Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and any other Board committee (increased from \$400); and (iii) annual restricted stock awards in the amount of 2,250 shares of common stock of the Company (increased from 750 shares). In addition to the preceding compensation, the chairman of each Board committee will receive an annual fee in the amount of \$9,000 (increased from \$5,000).

## **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 hereunto duly authorized.

### **INDEPENDENCE HOLDING COMPANY**

Date: July 5, 2011

By: /s/ Adam C. Vandervoort  
Name: Adam C. Vandervoort  
Title: Vice President, General  
Counsel and Secretary