

ASTRO MED INC /NEW/  
Form 8-K  
May 17, 2006

**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)

May 16, 2006

**ASTRO-MED, INC**

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER      0-13200

**RHODE ISLAND**

(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF  
INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)

**600 EAST GREENWICH AVENUE, WEST WARWICK, RI 02893**

**05-0318215**

(IRS EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION  
NUMBER)

(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES, INCLUDING ZIP CODE)

**(401-828-4000)**

(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)



**ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS**

On May 17, 2006, Astro-Med, Inc. issued a press release in which it announced that the Board of Directors approved on May 16, 2006 a 5-for-4 stock split, which will be effected in the form of a stock dividend. The dividend will entitle all shareholders of record as of the close of business on June 16, 2006, to receive 0.25 shares for each share held. The Company expects the additional stock will be distributed on or about June 30, 2006. The Company will continue to maintain a cash dividend rate of 20 cents per common share annually, effectively increasing the cash dividend by 25%. After the stock split takes place, there will be 6,759,386 shares outstanding. A copy of the press release relating to such announcement, dated May 17, 2006, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c)	Exhibit
Exhibit no.	Exhibit
99.1	Press Release dated May 17, 2006

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

**DATE: May 17, 2006**

**ASTRO-MED, INC.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ Joseph P. O'Connell  
Joseph P. O'Connell  
Vice President and Treasurer  
Chief Financial Officer

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**Exhibit No.**

**Exhibit**

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Press Release Dated May 17, 2006