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**Registration Statement No. 333-199158** 

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Weshington D.C. 20549

Washington, D.C. 20549

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO

## FORM S-3 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

# Premier, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of the registrant's principal executive offices)

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#### Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box. If any of the Securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act, other than securities offering only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. ×

35-2477140 (IRS Employer Identification No.) If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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#### Large accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer x (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. The selling stockholders may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities, nor is it a solicitation of an offer to buy these securities, in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED NOVEMBER 12, 2014

PROSPECTUS

111,866,539 Shares



## **CLASS A COMMON STOCK**

This prospectus relates to the possible resale from time to time by the selling stockholders named in this prospectus of up to 111,866,539 shares of our Class A common stock that may be issued in exchange for Class B common units of limited partnership, or Class B common units, in Premier Healthcare Alliance, L.P., or Premier LP., together with an equal number of shares of our Class B common stock, pursuant to certain contractual rights of the limited partners of Premier LP. Our wholly-owned subsidiary, Premier Services, LLC, is the general partner of Premier LP.

We are registering the shares of our Class A common stock to provide the selling stockholders with freely tradable securities. The registration of the shares of our Class A common stock covered by this prospectus does not necessarily mean that any of the holders of Class B common units will request that Premier LP exchange their Class B common units, that upon any such exchange we will elect, in the sole and absolute discretion of the audit and compliance committee of our board of directors, to exchange some or all of the Class B common units tendered for exchange for Class A common stock, or that any shares of our Class A common stock received in exchange for Class B common units will be sold by the selling stockholders. The Class B common units (and corresponding shares of our Class B common stock) that may be exchanged by the selling stockholders were issued as part of our reorganization that was effected on October 1, 2013, in connection with our initial public offering. Commencing on October 31, 2014, and during each year thereafter for a period of seven years, holders of Class B common units will generally have the cumulative right to exchange up to one-seventh of their initial allocation of Class B common units (as well as any additional Class B common units purchased by such holders pursuant to their right of first refusal) for shares of our Class A common stock. This exchange right can be exercised on a quarterly basis.

We are not selling any of our Class A common stock pursuant to this prospectus and we will not receive any proceeds from the resale of shares of Class A common stock from time to time by such holders, but we have agreed to pay certain registration expenses. Selling stockholders may from time to time offer and sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of the shares of our Class A common stock covered by this prospectus through underwriters, broker-dealers or agents, or directly to purchasers. See "Selling Stockholders" and "Plan of Distribution."

Our Class A common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, or NASDAQ, under the symbol "PINC." On November 11, 2014, the last reported sales price of our common stock on NASDAQ was \$31.25 per share.

Investing in our securities involves risks. You should read carefully and consider "<u>Risk Factors</u>" included in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, which is incorporated by reference herein, as may be updated by our periodic and current reports, and on page 2 of this prospectus before investing in our Class A common stock.

### SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

The selling stockholders named below may offer from time to time in the future up to an aggregate of 111,866,539 shares of our Class A common stock. As of the date of this prospectus, the selling stockholders collectively hold 107,181,272 Class B common units of Premier LP. Pursuant to the terms of the LP Agreement and the Exchange Agreement, each Class B common unit of Premier LP held by the selling stockholders is exchangeable for one share of our Class A common stock, cash or a combination of both, subject to certain exchange timing and volume limitations. See "Certain Contractual Arrangements with Selling Stockholders" for additional information.

The following table sets forth the selling stockholders' beneficial ownership of our Class A common stock as of the date of this prospectus. Each selling stockholder has the cumulative right to exchange a maximum of one-seventh of its initial allocation of Class B common units (as well as any additional Class B common units purchased by such selling stockholder pursuant to the right of first refusal under the Exchange Agreement) each year, commencing on October 31, 2014. The number and percentage of shares beneficially owned after this offering for each selling stockholder assumes the exchange by the selling stockholders of all Class B common units owned by them for the equivalent number of our shares of Class A common stock and sale of all such shares offered by the selling stockholders and that each selling stockholder does not acquire any additional shares or units. Information in the table below with respect to beneficial ownership has been furnished by each of the selling stockholders. Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC.

The selling stockholders are not required to exchange their Class B common units for shares of our Class A common stock, nor are we required to issue shares of Class A common stock to any selling stockholder who elects to exchange Class B common units. Instead, we may satisfy the Class B common unit exchanges by paying cash or through a combination of cash and Class A common stock. In addition, the selling stockholders listed in the table below may have sold, transferred, otherwise disposed of or purchased, or may sell, transfer, otherwise dispose of or purchase, at any time and from time to time, Class B common units or shares of our Class A common stock in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act or in the open market after the date on which they provided the information set forth in the table below. The maximum number of shares of Class A common stock. Assuming we do issue shares of our Class A common stock to a holder of Class B common units upon an exchange, such holder may offer for sale all, some or none of such shares of Class A common stock. Therefore, it is difficult to estimate with any degree of certainty the aggregate number of shares that the selling stockholders will ultimately offer pursuant to this prospectus or that the selling stockholders will ultimately own upon completion of the offering to which this prospectus relates. The following table does not take into effect any restrictions on ownership or transfer as described in "Description of Capital Stock."

Information about additional selling stockholders, if any, including their identities and the Class A common stock to be registered on their behalf, will be set forth in a prospectus supplement, in a post-effective amendment or in filings that we make with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Information concerning the selling stockholders may change from time to time. Any changes to the information provided below will be set forth in a supplement to this prospectus, in a post-effective amendment or in filings we make with the SEC under the Exchange Act, which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus if and when necessary.

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The selling stockholders named below and their permitted transferees, pledgees, orderees or other successors may from time to time offer the shares of our Class A common stock offered by this prospectus:

Name of Selling Stockholder	Total Number of Shares of Class A Common Stock Beneficially Owned Prior to this Offering (1)	Maximum Number of Shares of Class A Common Stock Being Offered	Total Number of Shares of Class A Common Stock Beneficially Owned After this Offering	
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Adventist Health System Sunbelt Healthcare	0	2 966 592	0	*
Corporation Albert Einstein Healthcare Network	0	3,866,582	0	*
	74,749	523,241	0	*
Aurora Health Care, Inc. (2)	219,304	1,535,129	0	*
Baptist Health South Florida, Inc.	0	962,792	0	*
Baptist Healthcare System, Inc.	0	1,199,448	0	*
BayCare Health System, Inc.	91,919	643,432	0	
Baystate Health, Inc.	0	763,198	0	*
Billings Clinic	0	240,260	0	*
Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital Corporation	20,769	145,386	0	*
Carilion Clinic	78,019	546,134	0	*
CDH-Delnor Health System	68,426	478,985	0	*
Chesapeake Regional Medical Center	0	203,172	0	*
Commonwealth Health Corporation, Inc.	0	246,736	0	*
Community United Methodist Hospital, Inc.	0	82,362	0	*
Cumberland Medical Center, Inc.	8,249	57,745	0	*
Dignity Health (3)	0	3,702,592	0	*
Doctors Community Hospital	20,769	145,385	0	*
Edward-Elmhurst Healthcare	0	316,512	0	*
Eisenhower Medical Center	32,424	226,965	0	*
El Camino Hospital (3)	0	228,415	0	*
Ephraim McDowell Health	0	109,723	0	*
Firelands Regional Medical Center	0	114,395	0	*
FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Inc.	38,910	272,370	0	*
Fresno Community Hospital and Medical Center	0	485,087	0	*
Geisinger System Services (2)	0	956,233	0	*
General Health System	0	246,894	0	*
GNYHA Purchasing Alliance, LLC	1,264,600	13,448,603	ů 0	*
Group Health Cooperative	60,287	422,006	0	*
H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research	00,207	122,000	Ŭ	
Institute, Inc.	0	360,895	0	*
Halifax Regional Medical Center, Inc.	9,173	64,208	0	*
Harris County Hospital District Foundation	0	498,656	0	*
Health Enterprises Cooperative	0	1,033,259	0	*
· ·	170,000	1,975,705	0	*
Healthcomp Inc.	170,000	1,773,703	U	•
Heartland Regional Medical Center d/b/a Heartland Health	EE OAC	200.020	0	*
	55,846	390,920	0	·r
Henderson County Hospital Corporation d/b/a Margaret R. Pardee Memorial Hospital	16,116	112,812	0	*
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			Number	%
Henry Ford Health System	167,317	1,171,218	0	*
Herbert J. Thomas Memorial Hospital				
Association	26,064	182,448	0	*
Hospital Shared Services Association	82,037	574,262	0	*
Indian River Memorial Hospital, Inc.	13,925	97,472	0	*
Iredell Memorial Hospital, Inc.	0	124,217	0	*
Jefferson Hospital Association, Inc.	0	165,252	0	*
Johnston Memorial Hospital, Inc.	18,371	128,598	0	*
Laughlin Memorial Hospital, Inc.	7,596	53,169	0	*
Lenoir Health Services, Inc.	11,718	82,027	0	*
Loma Linda University Medical Center	82,249	575,746	0	*
Marshfield Clinic, Inc.	3,936	223,599	0	*
Memorial Health University Medical Center,				
Inc.	39,202	274,413	0	*
Mercy Health Services, Inc.	33,438	234,065	0	*
Meritus Medical Center, Inc.	0	254,863	0	*
Methodist Medical Center of Illinois	0	378,558	0	*
Mission Health System, Inc.	88,246	617,725	0	*
Mississippi Baptist Health Systems, Inc.	36,999	419,103	0	*
Mountain States Health Alliance (2)	76,890	538,228	0	*
Murray-Calloway County Public Hospital				
Corporation	0	92,496	0	*
Northwest Hospital, Inc.	16,081	112,570	0	*
Pallottine Health Services, Inc.	37,574	263,016	0	*
Park Nicollet Health Services	0	492,948	0	*
Peninsula Regional Medical Center	48,207	337,447	0	*
Prairie Health Ventures LLC	93,497	654,476	0	*
Randolph Hospital, Inc.	0	90,893	0	*
Saint Elizabeth Medical Center, Inc.	52,346	366,421	0	*
Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center	0	465,787	0	*
Saint Mary's Hospital, Inc.	0	101,073	0	*
Seagate Alliance LLC	85,567	1,197,950	0	*
Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, Inc.	65,578	459,049	0	*
Smyth County Community Hospital	8,015	56,104	0	*
Southcoast Health System	17,840	124,877	0	*
Southwest General Health Center	11,509	157,996	0	*
St. Anthony's Medical Center	35,519	248,634	0	*
St. Francis Hospital, Inc.	26,062	182,436	0	*
St. Joseph's/Candler Health System, Inc.	0	277,467	0	*
St. Luke's Hospital of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania	0	617,358	0	*
T. J. Samson Community Hospital	18,463	129,238	0	*
TJUH System	67,522	802,529	0	*
Tanner Medical Center, Inc.	26,184	183,287	0	*
The Carle Foundation	54,628	382,396	0	*

Name of Selling Stockholder	Total Number of Shares of Class A Common Stock Beneficially Owned Prior to <u>this Offering (1)</u>	Maximum Number of Shares of Class A Common Stock Being Offered	Total Number of Shares of Class A Common Stock Beneficially Owned After this Offering	
			Number	%
The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority	254.0(2	1 779 442	0	*
d/b/a Carolinas HealthCare System	254,063	1,778,443	0	*
The Johns Hopkins Health System Corporation	0	1,444,245	0	*
The University of Texas Medical Branch	0	221,743	0	•
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	0	224 752	0	*
Tufts Medical Center, Inc.	28,909	334,752 202,362	0	*
UHS of Delaware, Inc.	372,113	2,604,793	0	*
Union Hospital of Cecil County, Inc.	0	101,396	0	*
University Health System, Inc.	35,760	250,317	0	*
Vantage Health Group	35,700	86,658	0	*
Vantage Purchasing Partners, LLC	0	458,814	0	*
Watauga Medical Center, Inc.	13,936	97,553	0	*
Weirton Medical Center, Inc.	11,999	83,992	0	*
West Virginia United Health System, Inc. (2)	87,037	609,260	0	*
White River Health System, Inc. d/b/a White	87,057	009,200	0	
River Medical Center	0	202,516	0	*
Winter Haven Hospital, Inc.	18,878	132,145	0	*
Yankee Alliance, Inc.	31,530	220,712	0	*
Yankee Alliance, LLC	159,616	1,163,463	0	*
Yankee Alliance Supply Chain Solutions, LLC	89,286	2,752,849	0	*
Subtotal	4,685,267	63,243,661	0	*
Other Selling Stockholders (4)	4,085,207	48,622,878	0	*
Total	4,685,267	111,866,539	0	*
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\* Represents less than 1.0%.

(1) Beneficial ownership prior to this offering is reflected as 0 for selling stockholders electing not to exchange their one-seventh portion of Class B common units of Premier LP eligible for exchange on the October 31, 2014 quarterly exchange date under the Exchange Agreement.

(2) An executive officer of the selling stockholder previously served as member of the Board of Directors of Premier or one of our predecessors or affiliates.

(3) An executive officer of the selling stockholder currently serves as a member of our Board of Directors.

(4) We have not identified the selling stockholders of these shares at this time. We anticipate that all of the Class A common shares held by these selling stockholders will be received in exchange for their Class B common units over the next seven years. We intend to file a prospectus supplement, post-effective amendment, or current report on Form 8-K, as may be permitted, to identify these selling stockholders before they may offer or sell their securities, as and when required.

### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

This prospectus relates to the offer and sale, from time to time, by the selling stockholders of some or all of those 111,866,539 shares of Class A common stock which may be issued in exchange for Class B common units. As used in this prospectus, "selling stockholders" includes donees, pledgees, transferees or other successors-in-interest selling shares received after the date of this prospectus from a selling stockholder as a gift, pledge, partnership distribution or other non-sale related transfer.

Our Class A common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "PINC." We are registering the shares of our Class A common stock to provide the holders with freely tradable securities, but the registration of these shares does not necessarily mean that any of these shares will be offered or sold by the holders.

We will not receive any proceeds from the issuance of the shares of our Class A common stock to the selling stockholders in exchange for their Class B common units or from the sale of any Class A common shares by the selling stockholders. All costs, expenses and fees in connection with the registration of the shares of Class A common stock offered hereby will be borne by us. Brokerage commissions, underwriting discounts or commissions, and similar selling expenses, if any, attributable to the sale of shares of Class A common stock offered hereby will be borne by the selling stockholders.

The selling stockholders may from time to time offer and sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of the shares of our Class A common stock covered by this prospectus through underwriters, broker-dealers or agents, or directly to purchasers, who may receive compensation in the form of commissions from the selling stockholders and from the purchasers of such shares for whom they may act as agent.

The Class A common stock may be sold in one or more transactions at fixed prices, prevailing market prices at the time of sale, prices related to the prevailing market prices, varying prices determined at the time of sale or negotiated prices. These prices will be determined by the selling stockholders or by agreement between the selling stockholders and underwriters, broker-dealers or agents who may receive fees or commissions in connection with any such sale. The selling stockholders may dispose of the Class A common shares or interests therein by a variety of methods, including the following:

- on any national securities exchange or quotation service on which our Class A common stock may be listed at the time of sale, including the NASDAQ;
- in the over-the-counter market;
- in transactions otherwise than on such exchange or in the over-the-counter market, which may include privately negotiated transactions and sales directly to one or more purchasers;
- through ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker-dealer solicits purchasers;
- through purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;
- through underwriters, broker-dealers, agents, in privately negotiated transactions, or any combination of these methods;
- through short sales;
- through the writing or settlement of options or other hedging transactions, whether through an options exchange or otherwise; and
- by any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law.

These transactions may include block transactions (in which a broker-dealer will attempt to sell a block of securities as agent but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction) or