

ASTRO MED INC /NEW/

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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)

JUNE 28, 2002

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)

05-0318215
(IRS EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION
NUMBER)

600 EAST GREENWICH AVENUE, WEST WARWICK, RI 02893
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES, INCLUDING ZIP CODE)

(401-828-4000)
(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

ITEM 4. CHANGES IN REGISTRANT'S CERTIFYING ACCOUNTANT.

On June 28, 2002, acting upon the recommendation of its Audit Committee, the Board of Direc Inc. (the Company) dismissed the Company's independent auditors, Arthur Andersen LLP (AA). Th process of interviewing qualified independent auditors to replace AA and anticipates that i agreement with a nationally recognized public accounting firm shortly.

During the two most recent fiscal years of the Company ended January 31, 2002 and 2001, interim period through June 28, 2002, there were no disagreements between the Company and A accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or disagreements, if not resolved to AA's satisfaction, would have caused AA to make reference to of the disagreement in connection with its reports; and there were no reportable events descr

(a) (1) (v) of Regulation S-K.

The audit reports of AA on the consolidated financial statements of the Company as of and f ended January 31, 2002 and 2001 did not contain any adverse opinion or disclaimers of opin qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles. A letter from as Exhibit 16.1, indicating its concurrence with disclosures in this and the preceding paragraph

During the two most recent fiscal years of the Company ended January 31, 2002 and 2001 and the period through June 28, 2002, the Company did not consult any other firms regarding any of th set forth in Item 304 (a) (2) (i) and (ii) of Regulation S-K.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PROFORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 16.1 - Letter from Arthur Andersen LLP to the Securities and Exchange Commiss 2002.

SIGNATURES

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

DATE: JUNE 28, 2002

ASTRO-MED, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph P. O'Connell
Vice President and T
Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION
16.1	Letter from Arthur Andersen LLP to the Securities and Excha Dated June 28, 2002.

June 28, 2002

Office of the Chief Accountant
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20549

Dear Sir or Madam:

The representations made in this letter are based solely on discussions with and representation partner and manager on the audits of the financial statements of this registrant for recent fiscal years. Those individuals are no longer with Arthur Andersen LLP. We have reviewed paragraphs of Item 4 included in the Form 8-K dated June 28, 2002, of Astro-Med, Inc. filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and have found no basis for disagreement with the statements therein.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Arthur Andersen LLP

cc: Mr. Joseph P. O'Connell, CFO, Astro-Med, Inc.

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