

HCP, INC.  
Form 8-K  
December 14, 2010

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(D) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**December 14, 2010**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**HCP, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Maryland**  
(State of Incorporation)

**001-08895**  
(Commission File Number)

**33-0091377**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**3760 Kilroy Airport Way**

**Suite 300**

**Long Beach, California 90806**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(562) 733-5100**

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On December 14, 2010, HCP, Inc. (the Company), a Maryland corporation, issued a press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being filed herewith:

| No. | Description  |
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| 99  | Text of the press release of the Company dated December 14, 2010 |

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 14, 2010

**HCP, Inc.**

By:

*/s/ Thomas M. Herzog*

Thomas M. Herzog,  
Executive Vice President -  
Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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