

VENTAS INC  
Form 8-K  
September 01, 2009

**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): August 31, 2009**

**VENTAS, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
  
of Incorporation)

**1-10989**  
(Commission File Number)

**61-1055020**  
(IRS Employer  
  
Identification No.)

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111 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 4800, Chicago, Illinois  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60606  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (877) 483-6827

N/A

Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report

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:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On August 31, 2009, Ventas, Inc. (the Company ) announced that its Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.5125 per share, payable in cash on September 30, 2009 to stockholders of record on September 11, 2009. The dividend is the third quarterly installment of the Company s 2009 annual dividend.

A copy of the press release issued by the Company on August 31, 2009 is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated in this Item 8.01 by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(a) *Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.*

Not applicable.

(b) *Pro Forma Financial Information.*

Not applicable.

(c) *Shell Company Transactions.*

Not applicable.

(d) *Exhibits:*

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>                                      |
|---------------------------|---|
| 99.1                      | Press release issued by the Company on August 31, 2009. |

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

VENTAS, INC.

Date: September 1, 2009

By: /s/ T. Richard Riney  
T. Richard Riney  
Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer,  
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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