

VENTAS INC  
Form 8-K  
August 31, 2012

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**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**

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): **August 30, 2012**

**VENTAS, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

<b>Delaware</b>	<b>1-10989</b>	<b>61-1055020</b>
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

<b>353 N. Clark Street, Suite 3300, Chicago, Illinois</b>	<b>60654</b>
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

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

**Not Applicable**

(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))

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On August 30, 2012, Ventas, Inc. (the “Company”) announced that its Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.62 per share, payable in cash on September 28, 2012 to stockholders of record on September 11, 2012. The dividend is the third quarterly installment of the Company’s 2012 annual dividend.

A copy of the press release issued by the Company on August 30, 2012 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:*

**Exhibit**

**Number Description**

99.1 Press release issued by the Company on August 30, 2012.

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**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: August 31, 2012 By: /s/ Kristen M. Benson  
Kristen M. Benson  
Vice President, Associate General  
Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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