VENTAS INC Form 8-K December 10, 2012

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): December 6, 2012

VENTAS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware1-1098961-1055020(State or Other Jurisdiction(Commission(IRS Employerof Incorporation)File Number)Identification No.)

353 N. Clark Street, Suite 3300, Chicago, Illinois

60654

(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:

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

Item 8.01.

Other Events.

Description

On December 6, 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 December 28, 2012 to stockholders of record on December 17, 2012. The dividend is the fourth quarterly installment of the Company s 2012 annual dividend.
A copy of the press release issued by the Company on December 6, 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** 99.1

Press release issued by the Company on December 6, 2012.

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: December 10, 2012 By: /s/ Kristen M. Benson

Kristen M. Benson

Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

Number Description

99.1 Press release issued by the Company on December 6, 2012.