

VENTAS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 06, 2011

**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 5, 2011

**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.)

**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**

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**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))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On December 5, 2011, Ventas, Inc. (the Company) announced that its Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly dividend on the Company's common stock in the amount of \$0.575 per share, payable in cash on December 30, 2011 to stockholders of record on December 15, 2011. The dividend is the fourth quarterly installment of the Company's 2011 annual dividend.

A copy of the press release issued by the Company on December 5, 2011 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 Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release issued by the Company on December 5, 2011.

**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 6, 2011

By: /s/ Kristen M. Benson  
Kristen M. Benson  
Vice President and Senior Securities Counsel

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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