VENTAS INC Form 8-K December 09, 2013

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 9, 2013

VENTAS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware 1-10989 61-1055020 (IRS Employer

(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission

Identification

of Incorporation) File Number) 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:

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 9, 2013, Ventas, Inc. (the "Company") announced that its Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.725 per share, payable in cash on December 31, 2013 to stockholders of record on December 16, 2013. The dividend is the fourth quarterly installment of the Company's 2013 annual dividend.

A copy of the press release issued by the Company on December 9, 2013 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 December 9, 2013.

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 9, 2013 By: /s/ Kristen M. Benson

Kristen M. Benson

Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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