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	UNITED STATES	
SECURITIES	S AND EXCHANGE CO	MMISSION
	Washington, D.C. 20549	
	FORM 8-K	
	CURRENT REPORT	
Pursuant to Secti	ion 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchan	ge Act of 1934
Date of R	eport (Date of Earliest Event Reported): July 27	7, 2005
	VENTAS, INC.	
(E	exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)	
Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction	1-10989 (Commission File Number)	61-1055020 (IRS Employer
of Incorporation)		Identification No.)
10350 Ormsby Park Place, Suite 300, Lou	nisville, Kentucky	40223

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

40223 (Zip Code)

Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (502) 357-9000

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### Not Applicable

### Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report

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- " 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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 27, 2005, Ventas, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing its results of operations for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2005.

A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated in this Item 2.02 by reference.

The press release states that the Company s normalized funds from operations (FFO) for the quarter ended June 30, 2005 were \$45.8 million, or \$0.51 per diluted share, as compared to \$37.7 million, or \$0.45 per diluted share, for the quarter ended June 30, 2004. The Company s net income for the second quarter of 2005 was \$27.1 million, or \$0.30 per diluted share, as compared to \$25.7 million, or \$0.30 per diluted share, after discontinued operations of \$0.2 million, for the comparable period in 2004.

For the six months ended June 30, 2005, the Company s normalized FFO was \$86.6 million, or \$0.99 per diluted share, as compared to \$71.7 million, or \$0.86 per diluted share, for the six months ended June 30, 2004. For the first six months of 2005, the Company s net income was \$54.6 million, or \$0.63 per diluted share, as compared to \$48.9 million, or \$0.58 per diluted share, after discontinued operations of \$0.4 million, for the comparable period in 2004.

The press release also states that, with the completion of the Company s acquisition of Provident Senior Living Trust (Provident) and assuming that the Company closes \$142 million of acquisitions it currently has under contract in the third quarter of 2005, the Company expects its normalized FFO for the year ending December 31, 2005 to be between \$2.06 and \$2.08 per diluted share, updated from its previous guidance of \$1.94 to \$1.96 per diluted share, and its normalized FFO for the year ending December 31, 2006 to be between \$2.20 and \$2.23 per diluted share. The Company expects its net income for 2005 to be between \$1.19 and \$1.21 per diluted share and its net income for 2006 to be between \$1.11 and \$1.14 per diluted share.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Current Report on Form 8-K includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. All statements regarding the Company's and its subsidiaries expected future financial position, results of operations, cash flows, funds from operations, dividends and dividend plans, financing plans, business strategy, budgets, projected costs, capital expenditures, competitive positions, growth opportunities, expected lease income, continued qualification as a real estate investment trust (REIT), plans and objectives of management for future operations and statements that include words such as anticipate, if, believe, plan, estimate, expect, intend, may, could, should, will and other similar expressions statements. Such forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain, and security holders must recognize that actual results may differ from the Company's expectations. The Company does not undertake a duty to update such forward-looking statements.

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The Company s actual future results and trends may differ materially depending on a variety of factors discussed in the Company s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Factors that may affect the plans or results of the Company include, without limitation: (a) the ability and willingness of the Company s operators, tenants, borrowers and other third parties to meet and/or perform the obligations under their various contractual arrangements with the Company; (b) the ability and willingness of Kindred Healthcare, Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, Kindred ), Brookdale Living Communities, Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, Brookdale ) and Alterra Healthcare Corporation (together with its subsidiaries, Alterra ) to meet and/or perform their obligations to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from and against various claims, litigation and liabilities under the Company s respective contractual arrangements with Kindred, Brookdale and Alterra; (c) the ability of the Company s operators, tenants and borrowers to maintain the financial strength and liquidity necessary to satisfy their respective obligations and liabilities, including without limitation, their existing credit facilities; (d) the Company s success in implementing its business strategy and the Company s ability to identify, underwrite, finance, consummate and integrate diversifying acquisitions or investments; (e) the nature and extent of future competition; (f) the extent of future healthcare reform and regulation, including cost containment measures and changes in reimbursement policies, procedures and rates; (g) increases in the cost of borrowing for the Company; (h) the ability of the Company s operators to deliver high quality care and to attract patients; (i) the results of litigation affecting the Company; (j) changes in general economic conditions and/or economic conditions in the markets in which the Company may, from time to time, compete; (k) the ability of the Company to pay down, refinance, restructure, and/or extend its indebtedness as it becomes due; (1) the movement of interest rates and the resulting impact on the value of and the accounting for the Company s interest rate swap agreement; (m) the ability and willingness of the Company to maintain its qualification as a REIT due to economic, market, legal, tax or other considerations; (n) final determination of the Company s taxable net income for the year ended December 31, 2004 and for the year ending December 31, 2005; (o) the ability and willingness of the Company s tenants to renew their leases with the Company upon expiration of the leases and the Company s ability to relet its properties on the same or better terms in the event such leases expire and are not renewed by the existing tenants; (p) risks associated with the Company s acquisition of Provident, including its ability to timely and fully realize expected revenues and cost savings from the merger; (q) the impact on the liquidity, financial condition and results of operations of the Company s operators resulting from increased operating costs and uninsured liabilities for professional liability claims, and the ability of the Company s operators to accurately estimate the magnitude of such liabilities; and (r) the value of the Company s rental reset right with Kindred, which is dependent on a variety of factors and is highly speculative. Many of such factors are beyond the control of the Company and its management.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.

Not applicable.

(	(b)	Pro	Forma	Financial	Information.
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Not applicable.

(c) Exhibits:

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99.1 Press release issued by the Company on July 27, 2005.

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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: July 27, 2005 By: /s/ T. Richard Riney

T. Richard Riney

Executive Vice President, General

Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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