HCP, INC. Form 8-K March 01, 2010

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): February 25, 2010

HCP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) **1-08895** (Commission File Number) **33-0091377** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3760 Kilroy Airport Way, Suite 300 Long Beach, California (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

90806 (Zip Code)

(562) 733-5100

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On February 25, 2010, Robert R. Fanning, Jr., advised the Board of Directors of HCP, Inc. (the Company) that he intends to retire from the Board effective immediately prior to the Company s upcoming 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and to not seek re-election at the Annual Meeting. The Company issued a press release on March 1, 2010 with respect to Mr. Fanning s retirement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01	Financial Statements and Exhibits.
(d)	Exhibits
99.1	Press Release dated March 1, 2010

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SIGNATURE

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.

HCP, INC. (Registrant)

Date: March 1, 2010

By:

/s/ Edward J. Henning Edward J. Henning Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Administrative Officer and Corporate Secretary

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Attached as exhibits to this Current Report on Form 8-K are the documents listed below:

Exhibit No.

99.1 Press Release dated March 1, 2010

Description

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