

VENTAS INC
Form 8-K
April 02, 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): **April 2, 2012**

VENTAS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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| Delaware | 1-10989 | 61-1055020 |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

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| 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 April 2, 2012, Ventas, Inc. (the “Company”) completed the acquisition of Cogdell Spencer Inc. (“Cogdell”), including its 100% ownership interest in 72 medical office buildings (“MOBs”) and its MOB property management business, which has existing agreements to manage 44 MOBs, in an all-cash transaction.

A copy of the press release issued by the Company on April 2, 2012 announcing the completion of the Cogdell acquisition is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is 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 April 2, 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: April 2, 2012 By: /s/ Kristen M. Benson

Kristen M. Benson

Vice President, Associate General Counsel and

Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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