

HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/
Form 8-K
September 01, 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) September 1, 2011

Health Care REIT, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-8923
(Commission
File Number)

34-1096634
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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4500 Dorr Street, Toledo, Ohio
(Address of principal executive offices)

43615
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (419) 247-2800

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Health Care REIT, Inc. (the Company) is filing this Current Report on Form 8-K for the sole purpose of filing with the Commission and thereby incorporating into certain registration statements updates to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 regarding (1) Item 1 Business Certain Government Regulations, (2) Item 1A Risk Factors Forward-Looking Statements and Risk Factors and (3) the sections captioned Health Reform Laws and Medicare Program Reimbursement Changes included in Item 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation Executive Summary. These updates are attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Updates of the following: Item 1 Business Certain Government Regulations, Item 1A Risk Factors Forward-Looking Statements and Risk Factors and the sections captioned Health Reform Laws and Medicare Program Reimbursement Changes included in Item 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation Executive Summary.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HEALTH CARE REIT, INC.

By: /s/ GEORGE L. CHAPMAN

George L. Chapman

Its: Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive
Officer and President

Dated: September 1, 2011