

HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/  
Form 8-K  
February 29, 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) February 29, 2012

**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**  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (419) 247-2800**

**43615**  
(Zip Code)

(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):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 8.01** *Other Events.*

Health Care REIT, Inc. announced that it will redeem all 7,000,000 shares of its 7 5/8% Series F Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock on April 2, 2012 at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share plus accrued and unpaid dividends through April 2, 2012. The redemption price does not include the \$0.47656 per share quarterly dividend that will be paid separately on or after April 16, 2012 to holders of record of the Series F Preferred Stock on March 30, 2012. The press release announcing the redemption is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01** *Financial Statements and Exhibits.*

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated February 29, 2012

**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: February 29, 2012