HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/ Form S-8 August 06, 2009

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As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 6, 2009

Registration No. 333-____

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 HEALTH CARE REIT, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

34-1096634

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification

Number)

One SeaGate, Suite 1500 Toledo, Ohio 43604 Telephone: (419) 247-2800

(Address and Telephone Number of Principal Executive Offices)

HEALTH CARE REIT, INC. AMENDED AND RESTATED 2005 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

(Full Title of Plan)

George L. Chapman

Copy to:

Chairman, Chief Executive

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer b

Non-accelerated filer o

(Do not check if a smaller reporting

Smaller reporting company o

company)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

		PROPOSED MAXIMUM OFFERING	PROPOSED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE	AMOUNT
TITLE OF SECURITIES		PRICE PER	OFFERING	OF REGISTRATION
TO BE REGISTERED R	EGISTERED(1) 4,000,000	SHARE(2)	PRICE(2)	FEE
Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share	, ,	\$ 40.105	\$ 160,420,000	\$ 8,951

(1)

This

Registration

Statement on

Form S-8

covers, in

addition to the

number of

shares of

common stock,

par value \$1.00

per share, of

Health Care

REIT, Inc. set

forth above,

options and

other rights to

purchase or

acquire the

shares of

common stock

covered by this

Registration

Statement on

Form S-8 and,

pursuant to Rule

416(c) under the

Securities Act

of 1933, as

amended, an

additional

indeterminate

number of

shares, options

and rights that

may be offered

or issued

pursuant to the

Health Care

REIT, Inc.

Amended and

Restated 2005

Long-Term

Incentive Plan

as a result of

one or more

adjustments

under such plan

to prevent

dilution

resulting from

one or more

stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.

(2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rules 457(c) and (h) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and based upon the average of the high and low prices for the Registrant s Common Stock reported on the New York Stock Exchange on July 30, 2009.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 4,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of Health Care REIT, Inc. (the Company) registered under this Registration Statement on Form S-8 consist of additional shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the terms of the Health Care REIT, Inc. Amended and Restated 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The 2,200,000 shares of common stock previously reserved for issuance under the 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan were registered under the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-126195) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) on June 26, 2005.

The contents of the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-126195) filed by the Company on June 26, 2005 are hereby incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement on Form S-8.

Pursuant to General Instruction E to Form S-8, this Registration Statement on Form S-8 consists only of the facing page, the statement in the preceding paragraph incorporating the contents of the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-126195), responses to Items 3, 5 and 8 of the Instructions to Form S-8 and the signature page. As permitted by General Instruction E, responses to Items 4, 6, 7 and 9 of the Instructions to Form S-8 have been omitted.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents previously filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), are incorporated herein by reference; provided, however, that the Company is not incorporating any documents or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with Commission rules:

- 1. Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.
- 2. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2009;
- 3. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2009;
- 4. Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on January 5, 2009, January 29, 2009 (except that the information furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 and 7.01 of Form 8-K and the exhibits relating to such information are not incorporated into this Registration Statement), January 30, 2009 (except that the information furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and the exhibit relating to such information are not incorporated into this Registration Statement), May 7, 2009, May 13, 2009 and August 6, 2009.
- 5. The description of the Company s common stock as set forth in the registration statement filed under the Exchange Act on Form 8-A on June 17, 1985, including any amendment or report for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, and 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of this Registration Statement, but prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement which indicates that all securities offered by this Registration Statement have been sold or which deregisters all such securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference and to be a part of this Registration Statement from the date of filing of each such document.

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Any statement contained herein, or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, shall be deemed to be modified or superseded to the extent that a statement contained herein, or in any subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, as the case may be, modifies or supersedes such document. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 5. Interests of Experts and Counsel.

As of August 6, 2009, the attorneys of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP participating in the preparation of this Registration Statement and the required legal opinions beneficially held, in the aggregate, approximately 2,500 shares of our common stock and 1,000 shares of our preferred stock.

Item 8. Exhibits.

- 4.1 Health Care REIT, Inc. Amended and Restated 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan (filed with the Commission as Appendix A to the Company s Proxy Statement for the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed March 25, 2009, and incorporated herein by reference thereto).
- 5 Opinion of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP, as to the legality of the securities being registered.
- 23.1 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm.
- The consent of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP, to the use of their opinion as an exhibit to this Registration Statement is included in their opinion filed herewith as Exhibit 5.
- 24.1 Power of Attorney executed by William C. Ballard, Jr. (Director).
- 24.2 Power of Attorney executed by Pier C. Borra (Director).
- 24.3 Power of Attorney executed by Thomas J. DeRosa (Director).
- 24.4 Power of Attorney executed by Jeffrey H. Donahue (Director).
- 24.5 Power of Attorney executed by Peter J. Grua (Director).
- 24.6 Power of Attorney executed by Fred S. Klipsch (Director).
- 24.7 Power of Attorney executed by Sharon M. Oster (Director).
- 24.8 Power of Attorney executed by Jeffrey R. Otten (Director).
- 24.9 Power of Attorney executed by R. Scott Trumbull (Director).
- 24.10 Power of Attorney executed by George L. Chapman (Director, Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President and Principal Executive Officer).
- 24.11 Power of Attorney executed by Scott A. Estes (Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Principal Financial Officer).
- 24.12 Power of Attorney executed by Paul D. Nungester, Jr. (Vice President and Controller and Principal Accounting Officer).

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized in the City of Toledo, State of Ohio, on August 6, 2009.

HEALTH CARE REIT, INC.

By: /S/ George L. Chapman George L. Chapman

Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and

President

and Director (Principal Executive

Officer)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints George L. Chapman his or her attorney-in-fact with power of substitution for him in any and all capacities, to sign any amendments, supplements, subsequent registration statements relating to the offering to which this Registration Statement relates, or other instruments he or she deems necessary or appropriate, and to file the same, with exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact or his substitute may do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed below on August 6, 2009 by the following person in the capacities indicated.

/S/ WILLIAM C. BALLARD. JR.* /S/ SHARON M. OSTER*

William C. Ballard, Jr., Director Sharon M. Oster, Director

/S/ PIER C. BORRA* /S/ JEFFREY R. OTTEN*

Pier C. Borra, Director Jeffrey R. Otten, Director

/S/ THOMAS J. DEROSA* /S/ R. SCOTT TRUMBULL*

Thomas J. DeRosa, Director R. Scott Trumbull, Director

/S/ JEFFREY H. DONAHUE* /S/ GEORGE L. CHAPMAN

Jeffrey H. Donahue, Director George L. Chapman, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer

and President and Director (Principal Executive Officer)

/S/ PETER J. GRUA* /S/ SCOTT A. ESTES*

Peter J. Grua, Director Scott A. Estes, Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

/S/ FRED S. KLIPSCH* /S/ PAUL D. NUNGESTER, JR.*

Fred S. Klipsch, Director

Paul D. Nungester, Jr., Vice President and Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)

*By: /S/ GEORGE L. CHAPMAN George L. Chapman, Attorney-in-Fact

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