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Form 8-K
February 02, 2004

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 2, 2004

HEALTH CARE REIT, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE	1-8923	34-1096634
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

One SeaGate, Suite 1500, Toledo, Ohio	43604
(Address of principal executive office)	(Zip Code)

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

ITEM 12. DISCLOSURE OF RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On February 2, 2004, Health Care REIT, Inc. issued a press release that announced operating results of its fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2003. The press release is posted on the Company's Web site (www.hcreit.com) under the heading Press Releases. A copy of the press release has been furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

SIGNATURE

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

HEALTH CARE REIT, INC.

By: /s/ GEORGE L. CHAPMAN

George L. Chapman
Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer

Date: February 2, 2004

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EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NO. -----	DESIGNATION NUMBER UNDER ITEM 601 OF REGULATION S-K -----	DESCRIPTION -----
99.1	99	Press release dated February 2, 2004