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Form 8-K  
May 06, 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): May 6, 2004

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

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	1-8923 (Commission File Number)	34-1096634 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)
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One SeaGate, Suite 1500, Toledo, Ohio (Address of principal executive office)	43604 (Zip Code)
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(419) 247-2800  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 12. DISCLOSURE OF RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On May 6, 2004, Health Care REIT, Inc. issued a press release that announced operating results for its first quarter ended March 31, 2004. The press release is posted on the Company's Web site ([www.hcreit.com](http://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

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

Date: May 6, 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 May 6, 2004