

HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/

Form 8-K

October 29, 2007

**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) October 23, 2007  
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.)

**One SeaGate, Suite 1500, Toledo, Ohio**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**43604**  
(Zip Code)

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

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

On October 23, 2007, the Board of Directors of Health Care REIT, Inc. (the Company) amended Article V, Section 1 and Section 4 of the Company's Amended and Restated By-Laws to permit the issuance and transfer of uncertificated shares of the Company's stock. The changes were adopted to comply with the rules of the New York Stock Exchange requiring the Company's securities to be eligible for participation in a direct registration system (DRS), such as the one currently administered by The Depository Trust Company. DRS allows investors to have securities registered in their names without the issuance of physical stock certificates and allows them to electronically transfer securities to broker-dealers in order to effect transactions. The Company's implementation of DRS will be completed once necessary filings have been made with the Company's transfer agent, but in no event later than January 1, 2008. The above summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the actual text of the Second Amended and Restated By-Laws, effective as of October 23, 2007, which is filed as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

3.1 Second Amended and Restated By-Laws of Health Care REIT, Inc.

**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  
Its: Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer

Dated: October 29, 2007