

HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/

Form 8-K

March 18, 2008

**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) March 13, 2008
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.)

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):

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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 8.01 Other Events.

Effective October 23, 2000, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) adopted new rules related to insider trading. One of these rules, Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the 1934 Act), provides an exemption to the insider trading rules in the form of an affirmative defense. Rule 10b5-1 recognizes the creation of formal programs under which executives and other insiders may sell the securities of publicly traded companies on a regular basis pursuant to written plans that are entered into at a time when the plan participants are not aware of material non-public information and that otherwise comply with the requirements of Rule 10b5-1.

On January 28, 2003, the Board of Directors of Health Care REIT, Inc. (the Company) adopted a resolution modifying its insider trading policy to allow insiders to sell securities of the Company pursuant to pre-arranged trading plans.

On March 13, 2008, Fred S. Klipsch, Vice Chairman of the Company, entered into a new plan pursuant to which he instructed his broker to sell 63,338 shares of the Company s common stock during the period between March 17, 2008 and May 30, 2008. Reports of the details of actual sales under the plan will be filed by Mr. Klipsch on Form 4 in accordance with SEC regulations.

On March 13, 2008, Frederick L. Farrar, Executive Vice President of the Company, entered into a new plan pursuant to which he instructed his broker to sell 19,500 shares of the Company s common stock during the period between March 17, 2008 and December 31, 2008. Reports of the details of actual sales under the plan will be filed by Mr. Farrar on Form 4 in accordance with SEC regulations.

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: March 17, 2008