

VENTAS INC  
Form 8-K  
April 09, 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): April 8, 2008

**VENTAS, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

**1-10989**  
(Commission

File Number)

**61-1055020**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**10350 Ormsby Park Place, Suite 300, Louisville, Kentucky**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (502) 357-9000**

**40223**  
(Zip Code)

Not Applicable

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))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On April 8, 2008, HCP, Inc. ( HCP ) filed a motion requesting permission from the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky to add a counterclaim against Ventas, Inc. (the Company ). The motion filed by HCP alleges that the Company is the successor to Sunrise Senior Living Real Estate Investment Trust ( Sunrise REIT ) and that Sunrise REIT failed to conduct a fair auction when it put itself up for sale in 2006. The motion follows the lawsuit filed by the Company in May 2007 against HCP asserting claims of tortious interference with contract and tortious interference with prospective business advantage. The Company intends to vigorously contest the motion and the substance of the allegations in the counterclaim filed by HCP.

**SIGNATURES**

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

VENTAS, INC.

Date: April 9, 2008

By: /s/ T. Richard Riney  
T. Richard Riney  
Executive Vice President, Chief  
Administrative Officer, General  
Counsel and Corporate Secretary