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	UNITED STATES	
SECURIT	IES AND EXCHANGE COMN	MISSION
	Washington, D.C. 20549	
	FORM 8-K	
	CURRENT REPORT	
Pursuant to S	Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange A	Act of 1934
Date of	f Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): September 8, 2	2005
	VENTAS, INC.	
	(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)	
Delaware Other Jurisdiction	1-10989 (Commission File Number)	61-1055020 (IRS Employer
(ncorporation)		Identification No.)

(State or

of I

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

40223 (Zip Code)

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Not Applicable

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:

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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.		
On September 8, 2005, Ventas, Inc. (the Company) announced that its Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.36 per share, payable in cash on October 5, 2005 to stockholders of record on September 20, 2005. The dividend is the third quarterly installment of the Company s 2005 annual dividend.		
A copy of the press release issued by the Company on September 8, 2005 is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated in this Item 8.01 by reference.		
Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.		
(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.		
Not applicable.		
(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.		
Not applicable.		
(c) Exhibits:		
Exhibit Number Description		
Press release issued by the Company on September 8, 2005.		

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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: September 8, 2005 By: /s/ T. Richard Riney

T. Richard Riney Executive Vice President, General

Counsel and Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	
Number	Description
99.1	Press release issued by the Company on September 8, 2005.