

VENTAS INC  
Form 8-K  
November 24, 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): November 24, 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.)

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111 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 4800, Chicago, Illinois  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60606  
(Zip Code)

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

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)
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

Ventas, Inc. (the Company) is re-issuing in an updated format its historical financial statements to satisfy Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) requirements as they relate to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets (SFAS No. 144).

In compliance with SFAS No. 144, the Company has reported revenues and expenses from properties sold or held for sale during the first nine months of 2008 as components of discontinued operations for each period presented (including the comparable period of the prior year) in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008, filed with the SEC on November 5, 2008. Under SEC rules, the same reclassification as discontinued operations is required for previously issued annual financial statements for each of the three years presented in the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, if those financial statements are incorporated by reference in subsequent filings with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, even though those financial statements relate to periods prior to the date of sale. This reclassification has no effect on the Company's reported net income available to common stockholders or funds from operations.

This Current Report on Form 8-K updates Items 6, 7 and 8 of, and Exhibit 12 to, the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 (the 2007 Form 10-K) to reflect those properties sold or held for sale during the first nine months of 2008 as discontinued operations for all periods presented. All other items of the 2007 Form 10-K remain unchanged. The Company has not made any attempt to update the matters in the 2007 Form 10-K, except to the extent expressly provided above.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(a) *Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.*

Not applicable.

(b) *Pro Forma Financial Information.*

Not applicable.

(c) *Shell Company Transactions.*

Not applicable.

(d) *Exhibits:*

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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: November 24, 2008

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

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