

HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/
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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) August 22, 2012

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.)

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4500 Dorr Street, Toledo, Ohio
(Address of principal executive offices)

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

43615
(Zip Code)

(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))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On August 22, 2011, Health Care REIT, Inc. (the Company) held a webcast conference call (the Conference Call) to discuss the Company's entry into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement) with Sunrise Senior Living, Inc. (Sunrise) and the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement. A copy of the Conference Call transcript is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated in this Item 7.01 by reference.

The information contained in, or incorporated into, Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference to such filing.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

The information provided under Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated by reference in this Item 8.01.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

Sunrise intends to file a proxy statement with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in connection with the proposed merger with the Company. Stockholders of Sunrise are urged to read the proxy statement when it becomes available, because it will contain important information. Stockholders of Sunrise will be able to obtain a free copy of the proxy statement, as well as other filings containing information about Sunrise and the merger, when available, without charge, at the SEC's Internet site (www.sec.gov). In addition, copies of the proxy statement and other filings containing information about Sunrise and the proposed merger can be obtained, when available and without charge, by directing a request to Sunrise Senior Living, Inc., Attention: Investor Relations, 7900 Westpark Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102, by phone at (703) 273-7500, or on Sunrise's website at www.sunriseseniorliving.com.

The Company, Sunrise and their respective directors and executive officers and other members of management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Sunrise's stockholders in respect of the proposed merger. You can find information about the Company's directors and executive officers in the Company's definitive annual proxy statement filed with the SEC on March 29, 2012. You can obtain free copies of the Company's annual proxy statement by contacting the Company's investor relations department. You can find information about Sunrise's directors and executive officers in Sunrise's definitive annual proxy statement filed with the SEC on March 23, 2012. You can obtain free copies of Sunrise's annual proxy statement, and Sunrise's proxy statement in connection with the proposed merger (when it becomes available), by contacting Sunrise's investor relations department. Additional information regarding the interests of Sunrise's directors and executive officers will be included in the proxy statement and the other relevant documents filed with the SEC when they become available.

This document shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Current Report on Form 8-K and the exhibit furnished herewith may contain forward-looking statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. When the Company uses words such as may, will, intend, should, believe, expect, anticipate, project, similar expressions, it is making forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties. The Company's expected results may not be achieved, and actual results may differ materially from expectations. This may be a result of various factors, including the satisfaction of closing conditions to the transaction, including, the approval of the transaction by the stockholders of Sunrise and the receipt of regulatory approvals and lender or third-party consents; the completion of the sale of the Sunrise management company to a third party; the respective parties' performance of their obligations under the transaction agreements; unanticipated difficulties and/or expenditures relating to the transaction; the Company's ability to enter into new joint venture agreements and management contracts; the Company's ability to acquire interests in properties from joint venture partners; the Company's ability to realize operating efficiencies; operator/tenant or joint venture partner bankruptcies or insolvencies; the cooperation of joint venture partners; exposure to potential losses from the actions of the Company's venture partners; negative developments in the operating results or financial condition of operators/tenants or managers; risks related to non-compliance with government regulations and new legislation or regulatory developments; the status of capital markets, including availability and cost of capital; changes in financing terms; risks related to international operations; the movement of U.S. and foreign exchange rates; and other factors affecting the execution of the transaction and subsequent performance, including REIT laws and regulations. Additional factors are discussed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K and in its other reports filed from time to time with the SEC. The Company assumes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements or to update the

reasons why actual results could differ from those projected in any forward-looking statements.

Item 9.01 *Financial Statements and Exhibits.*

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Transcript of Conference Call dated August 22, 2012.

SIGNATURE

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

HEALTH CARE REIT, INC.

By: /s/ GEORGE L. CHAPMAN

George L. Chapman

Its: Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and
President

Dated: August 23, 2012

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