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HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/ Form 8-K September 08, 2009

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) September 8, 2009 Health Care REIT, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware1-892334-1096634(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)(Commission
File Number)(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One SeaGate, Suite 1500, Toledo, Ohio

43604

(Address of principal executive offices)

(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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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On September 8, 2009, Health Care REIT, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release that announced updated financial guidance for fiscal year 2009. The press release is posted on the Internet (www.hcreit.com) under the heading News & Events. A copy of the press release has been furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

The information in the press release is furnished and shall not be deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise be subject to the liability of that Section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except to the extent the Company specifically incorporates it by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated September 8, 2009

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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: September 8, 2009