HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/ Form 8-K May 01, 2003

> 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): May 1, 2003

HEALTH CARE REIT, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE	1-8923	34-1096634
(State or other jurisdiction of	(Commission File	(I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization)	Number)	Identification Number)

One SeaGate, Suite 1500, Toledo, Ohio43604(Address of principal executive office)(Zip Code)

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

ITEM 12. DISCLOSURE OF RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On May 1, 2003, Health Care REIT, Inc. issued a press release that announced operating results of its first quarter ended March 31, 2003. The press release is posted on the Company's website (www.hcreit.com) under the heading Press Releases. A copy of the press release has been furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

SCHEDULE IV - CONTINUED

SIGNATURE

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

HEALTH CARE REIT, INC.

By: /s/ GEORGE L. CHAPMAN

George L. Chapman

Its: Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: May 1, 2003

EXHIBIT INDEX

DESIGNATION

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EXHIBIT NO.	ITEM 601 OF REGULATION S-K	DESCRIPTION
99.1	99	Press release dated May 1, 2003