

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):

July 20, 2004

**HEALTH CARE REIT, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**1-8923**

(Commission File  
Number)

**34-1096634**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

One SeaGate, Suite 1500, Toledo,  
Ohio  
(Address of principal executive  
office)

43604  
(Zip Code)

(419) 247-2800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**ITEM 12. DISCLOSURE OF RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION**

On July 20, 2004, Health Care REIT, Inc. issued a press release that announced operating results for its second quarter ended June 30, 2004. The press release is posted on the Company's Web site ([www.hcreit.com](http://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.

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**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  
Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: July 20, 2004

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Designation Number Under Item 601 of Regulation S-K</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99.1	99	Press release dated July 20, 2004