

VENTAS INC  
Form 8-K  
May 25, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): March 24, 2005**

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**VENTAS, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-10989**  
(Commission File Number)

**61-1055020**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**10350 Ormsby Park Place, Suite 300, Louisville, Kentucky**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**40223**  
(Zip Code)

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

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**Not Applicable**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

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- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - .. 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))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On March 24, 2005, the Company announced that its Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.36 per share, payable in cash on June 29, 2005 to stockholders of record on June 6, 2005. The dividend is the second quarterly installment of the Company's 2005 annual dividend.

A copy of the press release issued by the Company on March 24, 2005 is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated in this Item 8.01 by reference.

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

(a) *Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.*

Not applicable.

(b) *Pro Forma Financial Information.*

Not applicable.

(c) *Exhibits:*

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release issued by the Company on March 24, 2005.

**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: March 24, 2005

By: /s/ T. Richard Riney

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T. Richard Riney  
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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