

HCP, INC.
Form 8-K
May 17, 2011

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

May 17, 2011

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

HCP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland
(State of Incorporation)

001-08895
(Commission File Number)

33-0091377
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

3760 Kilroy Airport Way

Suite 300

Long Beach, California 90806

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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(562) 733-5100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
 - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
 - 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 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On May 17, 2011, HCP, Inc. issued a press release, attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, announcing the ruling by the US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit regarding the Ventas litigation. The information set forth in this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the text of the press release, attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto, is being furnished to, but not filed with, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibit. The following exhibit is being filed herewith:

No.	Description
99.1*	Text of the Press Release dated May 17, 2011.
*	Exhibit 99.1 is being furnished to the SEC pursuant to Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K and shall not be deemed filed with the SEC, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or the Securities Act of 1933, whether made before or after the date hereof and irrespective of any general incorporation language in any filings.

SIGNATURES

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.

Date: May 17, 2011

HCP, Inc.

By:

/s/ J. Alberto Gonzalez-Pita
J. Alberto Gonzalez-Pita,
Executive Vice President,
General Counsel & Corporate Secretary

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