

VENTAS INC  
Form 8-K  
March 23, 2007

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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 19, 2007

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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

**Not Applicable**

Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On March 19, 2007, Ventas, Inc. (the Company) entered into agreements (the Amendments) with each of T. Richard Riney, Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of the Company, Richard A. Schweinhart, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, and Raymond J. Lewis, Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of the Company (each, an Executive), amending certain terms of the Executives' existing employment agreements and Mr. Riney's change-in-control severance agreement.

The Amendments limit the amount of severance payable to each Executive upon termination of his employment by the Company other than for Cause (as defined in the applicable agreement) or by him for Good Reason (as defined in the applicable agreement) to a maximum of \$3 million (as adjusted annually to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index). The Amendments also clarify that, upon any such termination, each Executive shall be entitled to receive a lump sum payment equal to the amount of awards previously granted to him under the Company's deferred cash incentive program but not yet paid. All other terms of the agreements, including the vesting of equity awards, remain unchanged.

The foregoing description is qualified by reference in its entirety to the Amendments, copies of which are filed herewith as Exhibits 10.1, 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4 and incorporated in this Item 5.02 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:*

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10.3	Amendment dated as of March 19, 2007 to Employment Agreement dated as of September 18, 2002, as amended, between the Company and Raymond J. Lewis.
10.4	Amendment dated as of March 19, 2007 to Change-in-Control Severance Agreement dated as of May 1, 1998, as amended, between the Company and T. Richard Riney.

**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 23, 2007

By: /s/ T. Richard Riney  
T. Richard Riney  
Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, General  
Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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