

VENTAS INC
Form 8-K
August 10, 2015

**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): **August 4, 2015**

VENTAS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-10989
(Commission
File Number)

61-1055020
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

353 N. Clark Street, Suite 3300, Chicago, Illinois
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60654
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: **(877) 483-6827**

Not Applicable

Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.01. Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.

On August 4, 2015, Ventas, Inc. (Ventas) completed its acquisition of Ardent Medical Services, Inc. (AHS). Concurrent with the closing of the transaction, Ventas separated AHS's hospital operations from its owned real estate and sold the hospital operations to a newly formed and capitalized operating company (Ardent). Ardent is majority owned by an entity controlled by Equity Group Investments (EGI), with Ventas purchasing a 9.9% interest and management of AHS retaining a significant ownership stake. Ventas has entered into a long-term triple-net lease with Ardent to operate the acquired properties with an initial base rent of \$105 million. The value of Ventas's investment in the AHS-owned real estate (inclusive of Ventas's concurrent purchase of the real estate previously owned by a joint venture between AHS and a minority partner in one of AHS's hospital service areas) plus Ventas's purchased 9.9% interest in Ardent is approximately \$1.4 billion.

A copy of the press release issued by Ventas, EGI and AHS on August 4, 2015 announcing the completion of the transactions is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated in this Item 2.01 by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.

Financial statements of the business acquired and any additional information specified by Rule 3-05 of Regulation S-X will be filed by amendment to this Current Report on Form 8-K no later than 71 days following the date that this Current Report is required to be filed.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

Pro forma financial information will be filed by amendment to this Current Report on Form 8-K no later than 71 days following the date that this Current Report is required to be filed.

(c) Shell Company Transactions.

Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits:

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Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press release issued by Ventas, EGI and AHS on August 4, 2015.

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: August 10, 2015

By:

/s/ T. Richard Riney

T. Richard Riney

Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative
Officer and General Counsel

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