

HCP, INC.  
Form 8-K  
September 04, 2009

**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): **September 4, 2009**

**HCP, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**1-08895**  
(Commission File Number)

**33-0091377**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**3760 Kilroy Airport Way, Suite 300**  
**Long Beach, California**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**90806**  
(Zip Code)

**(562) 733-5100**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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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 240.425)
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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 September 4, 2009, HCP, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release with respect to the jury verdict rendered in connection with the complaint filed by Ventas, Inc. against the Company. The press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated September 4, 2009

**SIGNATURE**

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.

**HCP, INC.**  
*(Registrant)*

Date: September 4, 2009

By: */s/ Edward J. Henning*  
Edward J. Henning  
Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Administrative  
Officer and Corporate Secretary

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Attached as exhibits to this Current Report on Form 8-K are the documents listed below:

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated September 4, 2009

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