

HCP, INC.  
Form 8-K  
March 04, 2010

**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 1, 2010**

**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**

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**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: March 4, 2010

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

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
16.1	Letter of Ernst & Young LLP dated March 4, 2010.