

HCP, INC.  
Form 8-K  
December 10, 2012

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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): **December 10, 2012**

**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)

**(562) 733-5100**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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N/A

(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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**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 hereunto duly authorized.

**Date: December 10, 2012**

**HCP, Inc.**  
*(Registrant)*

By:

*/s/ Timothy M. Schoen*

Timothy M. Schoen  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
5.1	Opinion of Ballard Spahr LLP.
23.1	Consent of Ballard Spahr LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 hereto).