STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CHAPMAN GEORGE L			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/ [HCN]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE SEAGATE, SUITE 1500			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/04/2007						_X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman and CEO			
TOLEDO, O	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting					
									Person			
(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any		med on Date, if Day/Year)	Code ear) (Instr. 8)		4. Securities nAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/04/2007			G	V	1,500	D	\$ 0 (1)	266,876.8302	D		
Common Stock									10,582.5309	I	IRA (2)	
Common Stock									3,863.7016 (3)	I	Account for Son (4)	
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.												
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	f 2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

CHAPMAN GEORGE L **ONE SEAGATE SUITE 1500**

X Chairman and CEO

TOLEDO, OH 43604

Signatures

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: George L. 12/05/2007 Chapman

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The securities were gifted and had no disposition or acquisition price.
- (2) George L. Chapman III SSB IRA Rollover Custodian.
- George L. Chapman disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that he was or is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (4) Account for son of George L. Chapman.

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