

HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BALLARD WILLIAM C JR

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/21/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

C/O HEALTH CARE REIT, INC., ONE SEAGATE, SUITE 1500

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TOLEDO, OH 43604

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code V  | Amount  |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/22/2008                           |  | M                              | A   | \$ 0 (1)  | 9,849  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 01/23/2008                           |  | M                              | A   | \$ 0 (2)  | 10,488   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 6,700  | I Charitable Remainder Trust (3)  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 1,800  | I Charitable Remainder Trust (4)  |

|              |       |   |   |
|--------------|-------|---|---|
| Common Stock | 1,800 | I | Charitable Remainder Trust <sup>(5)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 5,000 | I | Ownership by Spouse <sup>(6)</sup>        |

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Deferred Stock Units                       | \$ 0 <sup>(7)</sup>                                    | 01/21/2008                           |  | A                              | 1,715   | 01/21/2009 <sup>(7)</sup> 01/21/2011 <sup>(7)</sup>      | Common  | 1,715                         |
| Deferred Stock Units                       | \$ 0 <sup>(8)</sup>                                    | 01/22/2008                           |  | M                              | 511   | 01/22/2008 <sup>(8)</sup> 01/22/2010 <sup>(8)</sup>      | Common  | 511                           |
| Deferred Stock Units                       | \$ 0 <sup>(9)</sup>                                    | 01/23/2008                           |  | M                              | 639   | 01/23/2008 <sup>(9)</sup> 01/23/2009 <sup>(9)</sup>      | Common  | 639                           |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BALLARD WILLIAM C JR<br>C/O HEALTH CARE REIT, INC.<br>ONE SEAGATE, SUITE 1500<br>TOLEDO, OH 43604 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: William C.  
Ballard, Jr.

01/23/2008

\_\_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 reported transaction was a vesting of 511 deferred stock units on January 22, 2008, resulting in the issuance of 511 shares of common stock. No amount was payable in connection with the vesting or the common stock issuance.
- (2) The reported transaction was a vesting of 639 deferred stock units on January 23, 2008, resulting in the issuance of 639 shares of common stock. No amount was payable in connection with the vesting or the common stock issuance.
- (3) William C. Ballard, Jr. Trustee Charitable Remainder Trust #1 for the benefit of Julie W. Ballard
- (4) William C. Ballard, Jr. Trustee Charitable Remainder Trust #2 for the benefit of Elizabeth Ballard Lebharr
- (5) William C. Ballard, Jr. Trustee Charitable Remainder Trust #3 for the benefit of William C. Ballard, III
- (6) Indirect Ownership by Spouse, Julie W. Ballard

(7) The deferred stock units were granted without cash consideration on January 21, 2008 under the Health Care REIT, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Each deferred stock unit represents a right to receive one share of common stock of Health Care REIT, Inc. at the time of vesting of the unit. The deferred stock units vest in three installments, with 572 units vesting on January 21 of each 2009 and 2010 and 571 units vesting on January 21, 2011.

(8) The deferred stock units were granted without cash consideration on January 22, 2007 under the Health Care REIT, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Each deferred stock unit represents a right to receive one share of common stock of Health Care REIT, Inc. at the time of vesting of the unit. The deferred stock units vest in three installments, with 511 units having vested on January 22, 2008 and 510 units vesting on January 22 of each of 2009 and 2010.

(9) The deferred stock units were granted without cash consideration on January 23, 2006 under the Health Care REIT, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Each deferred stock unit represents a right to receive one share of common stock of Health Care REIT, Inc. at the time of vesting of the unit. The deferred stock units vest in three installments, with 640 units having vested on January 23, 2007, 639 units having vested on January 23, 2008 and 639 units vesting on January 23, 2009.

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