

HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/
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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 *
HERMAN CHARLES J 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)
05/14/2008

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
_____ Other (specify below)
EVP & Chief Investment Officer

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	05/14/2008		M		5,879 A \$ 25.82	37,309	D
Common Stock	05/14/2008		S		5,879 D \$ 49.5411	31,430	D
Common Stock	05/15/2008		S		4,440 D \$ 49.6532	26,990	D
Common Stock						19,590	I LLC ⁽¹⁾

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 (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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.82	05/14/2008		M	5,879	01/15/2008 ⁽²⁾ 01/27/2013	Common	5,879 ⁽²⁾

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HERMAN CHARLES J JR ONE SEAGATE, SUITE 1500 TOLEDO, OH 43604			EVP & Chief Investment Officer	

Signatures

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: Charles J. Herman, Jr. 05/15/2008

__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 shares are held by an Ohio limited liability company for which the reporting person is the sole manager and, as trustee for a revocable trust of the reporting person, the sole member.
- (2) Options for the purchase of 29,397 shares of common stock at \$25.82 per share were granted to Mr. Herman on January 27, 2003, which grant has previously been reported. The partial exercise of these options for the purchase of 23,518 shares has previously been reported. Of the remaining options, options for the purchase of 5,879 shares vested on January 15, 2008
- (3) The options were granted under the Health Care REIT, Inc. 1995 Stock Incentive Plan and had no acquisition price.

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