

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

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
DEROSA THOMAS J

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)

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

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

01/21/2010

(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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	01/21/2010		M		572	A	\$ 0 (1)
Common Stock	01/22/2010		M		510	A	\$ 0 (2)

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/21/2010		M	572	01/21/2010 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/21/2010 <sup>(3)</sup>	Common	572 <sup>(1)</sup>
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(4)</sup>	01/22/2010		M	510	01/22/2010 <sup>(4)</sup> 01/22/2010 <sup>(4)</sup>	Common	510 <sup>(2)</sup>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DEROSA THOMAS J C/O HEALTH CARE REIT, INC. ONE SEAGATE, SUITE 1500 TOLEDO, OH 43604	X			

## Signatures

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: Thomas J. DeRosa  
Date: 01/22/2010

\_\_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 572 deferred stock units on January 21, 2010, resulting in the issuance of 572 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 510 deferred stock units on January 22, 2010, resulting in the issuance of 510 shares of common stock. No amount was payable in connection with the vesting or the common stock issuance.
- (3) These 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. These deferred stock units vest in three installments, with 572 units having vested on January 21 of each of 2009 and 2010 and 571 units vesting on January 21, 2011.

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These deferred stock units were granted without cash consideration on January 22, 2007 under the Health Care REIT, Inc. 2005

- (4) 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. These deferred stock units vest in three installments, with 511 units having vested on January 22, 2008 and 510 units having vested on January 22 of each of 2009 and 2010.
- (5) Includes (i) 571 deferred stock units granted on January 21, 2008 that vest on January 21, 2011, and (ii) 2,027 deferred stock units granted on January 29, 2009, with 676 units vesting on January 29 of each of 2010 and 2011 and 675 units vesting on January 29, 2012.

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