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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 *
 Wood Brian K

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE,
 SUITE 300
 (Street)

LOUISVILLE, KY 40223

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 VENTAS INC [VTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/25/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/25/2011 | | A | 1,650 ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/25/2011 | | F | 188 ⁽²⁾ | \$ 57.19 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/26/2011 | | F | 231 ⁽³⁾ | \$ 57.19 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2011 | | F | 454 ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 57.19 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,527 | I | By IRA |

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- (5) Includes 18,970 shares acquired between January 25, 2011 and February 28, 2011 under the Ventas Employee and Director Stock Purchase Plan.
- (6) Stock options granted by Issuer pursuant to the Plan.
- (7) These options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the date of grant.
- (8) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of February 27, 2011.

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