#### HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/

Form 4

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| FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 |  |  |  |          |                                  |                         |  |   | OMB<br>Number:  | 3235-0287   |          |  |
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| subject to<br>Section 1<br>Form 4 c<br>Form 5                                  | 51A1EN<br>16.<br>or                                |  |  |          |                                  |                         |  |   | Estimated a burden hour response                                    |   |          |  |
| obligatio<br>may con<br>See Instr<br>1(b).                                     | ns Section 17(                                     | a) of the l                              |  | tility H | Iold                             | ing Com                 | pany   | Act o   | ge Act of 1934,<br>of 1935 or Section<br>940                        | 1   |          |  |
| (Print or Type l   | Responses)   |  |  |          |                                  |                         |  |   |   |   |          |  |
| 1. Name and A  | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |  |  |          |                                  |                         | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer |   |   |   |          |  |
|  | HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/<br>[HCN]                 |  |  |          |                                  |                         | (Check all applicable)                           |   |   |   |          |  |
| (Last)   | Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of (Month/E         |  |  |          | f Earliest Transaction Day/Year) |                         |  |   | _X_ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) |   |          |  |
| ONE SEAC   | GATE, SUITE 150                                    | 00                                       | 09/02/2  | 005      |                                  |                         |  |   | below) Chair  | man and CEO   |          |  |
|  | (Street)   |  | 4. If Ame<br>Filed(Mor   |          |                                  | e Original              |  |   | 6. Individual or Joi<br>Applicable Line)                            |   |          |  |
| TOLEDO,  | ОН 43604   |  |  |          |                                  |                         |  |   | _X_ Form filed by O<br>Form filed by M<br>Person                    |   |          |  |
| (City)   | (State)  | (Zip)                                    | Tabl   | e I - No | n-D                              | erivative S             | Securi   | ities Ac  | quired, Disposed of,  | or Beneficiall  | ly Owned |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)            | ned<br>n Date, if<br>Day/Year)           | 3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) o Code Disposed of (D (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and (A) |          |                                  | (A) o<br>of (D<br>4 and | ))   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)            | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |          |  |
|  |  |  |  | Code     | V                                | Amount                  | or<br>(D)  | Price   | (Instr. 3 and 4)  | (mstr. 1)   |          |  |
| Common<br>Stock  | 09/02/2005   |  |  | G        | V                                | 175                     | D  | \$ 0<br>(1)   | 217,110.6439  | D   |          |  |
| Common<br>Stock  | 09/06/2005   |  |  | G        | V                                | 150                     | D  | \$ 0<br>(1)   | 216,960.6439  | D   |          |  |
| Common   |  |  |  |          |                                  |                         |  |   | 2,968.3181  | I   | Account  |  |

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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 | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         | 5.         | 6. Date Exer | cisable and | 7. Title | e and    | 8. Price of | 9. Nu  |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transact   | iorNumber  | Expiration D | ate         | Amou     | nt of    | Derivative  | Deriv  |
| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code       | of         | (Month/Day/  | Year)       | Under    | lying    | Security    | Secu   |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8) | Derivativ  | e            |             | Securi   | ties     | (Instr. 5)  | Bene   |
|             | Derivative  |                     |                    |            | Securities | 3            |             | (Instr.  | 3 and 4) |             | Own    |
|             | Security    |                     |                    |            | Acquired   |              |             |          |          |             | Follo  |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | (A) or     |              |             |          |          |             | Repo   |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | Disposed   |              |             |          |          |             | Trans  |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | of (D)     |              |             |          |          |             | (Instr |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | (Instr. 3, |              |             |          |          |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | 4, and 5)  |              |             |          |          |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            |              |             |          | Amount   |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            |              |             |          | or       |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            | Date         | Expiration  |          | Number   |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            | Exercisable  | Date        | 1100     | of       |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    | Code V     | (A) (D)    |              |             |          | Shares   |             |        |

### **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |                  |       |  |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |  |  |  |  |
| CHAPMAN GEORGE L<br>ONE SEAGATE<br>SUITE 1500<br>TOLEDO, OH 43604 | X             |           | Chairman and CEO |       |  |  |  |  |

## **Signatures**

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: George L.
Chapman

09/07/2005

\*\*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) Account for son of George L. Chapman.
- (3) George L. Chapman III SSB IRA Rollover Custodian.

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