HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Addres	•	ng Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/ [HCN]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	_X_ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
ONE SEAGATE, SUITE 1500			(Month/Day/Year) 12/14/2005	below) below) Chairman and CEO			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
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Person

TOLEDO, OH 43604

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - N	on-I	Derivative	Secui	rities Acq	uired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code		4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/14/2005		G	V	1,200	D	\$ 0 (1)	215,760.6439	D	
Common Stock	12/14/2005		G	V	400	A	\$ 0 (1)	3,368.3181	I	Account for Son (2)
Common Stock	12/14/2005		G	V	400	A	\$ 0 (1)	3,368.9829	I	Account for Son (2)
Common Stock	12/14/2005		G	V	400	A	\$ 0 (1)	3,368.3181	I	Account for Son (2)
Common Stock	12/15/2005		F		3,220	D	\$ 33.92	212,540.6439	D	
	12/16/2005		G	V	950	D	\$ 0 (1)	211,590.6439	D	

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Common Stock

Common 9,152.0092 I IRA (3)

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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	5. stionNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Tit. Amou Under Secur (Instr	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationsnips						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CHAPMAN GEORGE L							
ONE SEAGATE	X		Chairman and CEO				
SUITE 1500	Λ		Chairman and CEO				
TOLEDO OH 43604							

Signatures

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

**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.

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

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