HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/

Form 4

January 18, 2006

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Miller Jeffrey H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/ [HCN]

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

Director X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

ONE SEAGATE, SUITE 1500

01/15/2006

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Vice President & Gen. Counsel 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

TOLEDO, OH 43604

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Amount

739

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4)

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

F

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(D) Price

36.23

D

Common Stock

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

D

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)			ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	nt of lying ities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene
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					of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						(Instr
					4, and 3)				Amount		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or Number of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Miller Jeffrey H ONE SEAGATE, SUITE 1500 TOLEDO, OH 43604

Vice President & Gen. Counsel

Signatures

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: Jeffrey H. Miller

01/18/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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