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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION									PPROVAL	
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(Print or Type Res	ponses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> TRUMBULL R SCOTT			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) C/O HEALTH CARE REIT, INC., ONE SEAGATE, SUITE 1500			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/23/2006			X_ Director10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below)below)				
	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 						
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
	Transaction Date Ionth/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Yea	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numl of Share
Deferred Stock Unit	\$ 0 <u>(1)</u>	01/23/2006		А	1,918	01/23/2007 <u>(1)</u>	01/23/2009(1)	Common	1,9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
TRUMBULL R SCOTT C/O HEALTH CARE REIT, INC. ONE SEAGATE, SUITE 1500 TOLEDO, OH 43604	Х					
Signatures						
By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact I Trumbull	01/25/2006					
**Signature of Reporting Per	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).

The deferred stock units were granted without cash consideration 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. The deferred stock units vest in three installments, with 640 units vesting on January 23, 2007 and 639 units vesting on January 23 of

each 2008 and 2009. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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