

HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
CHAPMAN GEORGE L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/ [HCN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
ONE SEAGATE, SUITE 1500  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/15/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman and CEO

TOLEDO, OH 43604  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/15/2006		M	12,000 A \$ 26.125	241,838.9046	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2006		S(1)	12,000 D \$ 34.3493	229,838.9046	D	
Common Stock					3,582.351	I	Account for Son (2)
Common Stock					3,583.0637	I	Account for Son (2)
					3,582.2926	I	



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- (1) The shares covered by this Form 4 have been sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan dated May 8, 2006.
- (2) Account for son of George L. Chapman.
- (3) George L. Chapman III SSB IRA Rollover Custodian.

Options for the purchase of 60,000 shares of common stock at \$26.125 per share were granted to Mr. Chapman on November 18, 1997,

- (4) which grant has previously been reported. The partial exercise of these options for the purchase of 48,000 shares has previously been reported. Of the remaining options, options for the purchase of 12,000 shares vested on December 15, 2002.
- (5) The options were granted under the Health Care REIT, Inc. 1995 Stock Incentive Plan and had no acquisition price.

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