

HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
TRUMBULL R SCOTT

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/16/2006

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

C/O HEALTH CARE REIT, INC., ONE SEAGATE, SUITE 1500

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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TOLEDO, OH 43604

(City) (State) (Zip)

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	05/16/2006		M		1,666	A	\$ 25.82
Common Stock					5,964.9697	I	IRRA ⁽¹⁾

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

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(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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.82	05/16/2006		M	1,666	01/28/2006 ⁽²⁾ 01/28/2013	Common	1,666 ⁽²⁾

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TRUMBULL R SCOTT C/O HEALTH CARE REIT, INC. ONE SEAGATE, SUITE 1500 TOLEDO, OH 43604	X			

Signatures

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: R. Scott Trumbull
Date: 05/18/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Richard Scott Trumbull IRRA for benefit of Richard Scott Trumbull

(2) Options for the purchase of 5,000 shares of common stock at \$25.82 per share were granted to Mr. Trumbull on January 28, 2003, which grant has previously been reported. The partial exercise of these options for the purchase of 3,334 shares has previously been reported. Of the remaining options, options for the purchase of 1,666 shares vested on January 28, 2006.

(3) The options were granted under the Health Care REIT, Inc. 1997 Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors and had no acquisition price.

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