

HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/  
Form 5  
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# FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
FARRAR FREDERICK L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE SEAGATE, SUITE 1500

(Street)

TOLEDO, OH 43604

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(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)	(A) or (D)	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/20/2008	Â	J <sup>(1)</sup>	131.2566	A	\$ 39.8389	58,438.1756	D	Â
Common Stock	05/20/2008	Â	J <sup>(1)</sup>	18.5752	A	\$ 47.8897	58,456.7508	D	Â
Common Stock	08/20/2008	Â	J <sup>(1)</sup>	17.6709	A	\$ 51.056	58,474.4217	D	Â
Common Stock	11/20/2008	Â	J <sup>(1)</sup>	25.5471	A	\$ 35.7857	58,499.9688 (2)	D	Â

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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. 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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Amount or Number of Shares
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FARRAR FREDERICK L ONE SEAGATE, SUITE 1500 TOLEDO, OH 43604	Â	Â	Â Executive Vice President	Â

## Signatures

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: Frederick L. Farrar 02/13/2009

\_\_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) Dividend Reinvestment under the Amended and Restated Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Includes 173.3773 shares owned by spouse and 30.2778 shares owned by daughter. Mr. Farrar disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.

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