

HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/
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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 *
HERMAN CHARLES J JR

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)
4500 DORR STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/27/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & Chief Investment Officer

TOLEDO, OH 43615
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/27/2011		A	V Amount (D) Price 11,697 A \$ 0 (1)	55,448	D	
Common Stock					17,590	I	LLC (2)

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)
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 49.17	01/27/2011		A	19,971	01/15/2012 ⁽³⁾ 01/27/2021	Common 19,971 ⁽³⁾

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HERMAN CHARLES J JR 4500 DORR STREET TOLEDO, OH 43615			EVP & Chief Investment Officer	

Signatures

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: Charles J. Herman, Jr. 01/31/2011

**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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- The shares were granted without cash consideration as shares of restricted stock under the Amended and Restated Health Care REIT, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Mr. Herman received an award of 5,085 performance shares at the same time. This award will entitle
- him to receive shares of common stock, which vest in equal installments over a three-year period, if certain company-level performance measures are achieved in 2011. The performance shares are neither equity securities nor derivative securities as defined by the Commission for purposes of this Form and, accordingly, are not reported separately herein.
 - The shares are held by an Ohio limited liability company for which the reporting person is the sole manager and, as trustee for a revocable trust of the reporting person, the sole member.
 - Options for the purchase of 19,971 shares of common stock at \$49.17 per share were granted to Mr. Herman on January 27, 2011. Options for the purchase of 3,995 shares will vest on January 15, 2012 and options for the purchase of 3,994 shares will vest on January 15 of each of 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.
 - The options were granted under the Amended and Restated Health Care REIT, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan and had no acquisition price.

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