

CAFARO DEBRA A
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FORM 4

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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 *
CAFARO DEBRA A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VENTAS INC [VTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE,
SUITE 300

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/10/2005

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

Chairman, President and CEO

(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
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223

(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 ⁽¹⁾	08/10/2005		S ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	1,000 D \$ 29.74	524,741	D	
Common Stock	08/10/2005		S ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	1,800 D \$ 29.75	522,941	D	
Common Stock	08/10/2005		S ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	1,500 D \$ 29.76	521,441	D	
Common Stock	08/10/2005		S ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	3,300 D \$ 29.77	518,141	D	
Common Stock	08/10/2005		S ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	900 D \$ 29.81	517,241	D	

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(3) These shares are being sold pursuant to a written non-discretionary Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan dated July 6, 2005.

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