

CAFARO DEBRA A

Form 4

December 12, 2007

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CAFARO DEBRA A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE,
SUITE 300

(Street)

LOUISVILLE, KY 40223

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/10/2007

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)

Chairman, President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/10/2007		M	22,119 A	\$ 24.93 757,297	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2007		S(1)(2)	100 D	\$ 45.32 757,197	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2007		S(1)(2)	100 D	\$ 45.35 757,097	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2007		S(1)(2)	100 D	\$ 45.36 756,997	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2007		S(1)(2)	100 D	\$ 45.41 756,897	D	

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Common Stock	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 45.43	756,797	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	52	D	\$ 45.5099	756,745	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 45.57	756,645	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 45.7	756,445	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 45.73	756,345	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 45.86	756,245	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 45.91	756,145	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 45.94	766,045	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 45.95	755,845	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 45.97	755,745	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 45.98	755,645	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 46.1	755,545	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	600	D	\$ 46.18	754,945	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 46.19	754,845	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	176	D	\$ 46.1963	754,669	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	400	D	\$ 46.2	754,269	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	600	D	\$ 46.21	753,669	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	400	D	\$ 46.22	753,269	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 46.23	753,169	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	600	D	\$ 46.24	752,569	D
	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	700	D	\$ 46.25	751,869	D

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Common
Stock

Common Stock	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 46.2543	751,569	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 46.26	751,269	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 46.27	750,969	D
Common Stock <u>(3)</u>	12/10/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 46.2789	750,669	D

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.93	12/10/2007		M	22,119	01/25/2005 ⁽⁴⁾ 01/25/2015	Common Stock 22,119

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
CAFARO DEBRA A 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300 LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223	X Chairman, President and CEO

Signatures

Debra A. Cafaro, By: T. Richard Riney,
Attorney-In-Fact

12/12/2007

__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) On September 13, 2007, the Reporting Person transmitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission a Form 144 covering the sale of the Issuer's common stock reported on Table I.
- (2) These shares are being sold pursuant to a written non-discretionary Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan dated November 3, 2006.
- (3) Please see the Reporting Person's subsequent Form 4 filing dated the date hereof which contains additional transactions which are part of one aggregate direction under the Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan described in Footnote (2).
- (4) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 149,539 on January 25, 2005 by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in three equal installments on January 25, 2005, January 25, 2006 and January 25, 2007.
- (5) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of December 10, 2007.

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