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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading LEWIS RAYMOND J Issuer Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 111 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, 11/30/2011 below) below) **SUITE 4800** President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CHICAGO,, IL 60606 Person

(City)	(State) ((Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	Code	4. Securit on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/30/2011		F	6,337 (1)	D	\$ 52.76	141,541 (2)	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)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Titl		8. Price of	9. Nu Deriv
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				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LEWIS RAYMOND J 111 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 4800 CHICAGO,, IL 60606

President

Signatures

Raymond J. Lewis, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact

12/02/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents shares withheld to pay the taxes on the vesting of restricted stock granted on November 30, 2007 under the Ventas, Inc. 2006 Incentive Plan.
- (2) As of November 30, 2011, Reporting Person also owns options to purchase 110,269 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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