HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Miller Jeffre	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			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/02/2011					Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) EVP-Operations & Gen. Counsel			
TOLEDO, O	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting					
(City)	Tr. 1.1						Person				
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	f 2. Transaction Date 2A. Dee (Month/Day/Year) Execution any			Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired no Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Day/Year) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Benefic Owned Indirect (I) Owners Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)			
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		· · · · · · ·	
Common Stock	05/02/2011			M	1,809	A	\$ 34.88	55,550	D		
Common Stock	05/02/2011			M	691	A	\$ 36.5	56,241	D		
Common Stock	05/02/2011			S(1)	2,500	D	\$ 54.09	53,741	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.88	05/02/2011		M	1,809	01/15/2008(2)	01/24/2015	Common	1,809 (2)
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.5	05/02/2011		M	691	01/15/2007(4)	01/23/2016	Common	8,191 (4)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Miller Jeffrey H 4500 DORR STREET TOLEDO, OH 43615

EVP-Operations & Gen. Counsel

Signatures

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: Jeffrey H. Miller

05/04/2011

**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) The shares covered by this Form 4 have been sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan dated November 8, 2010.
- Options for the purchase of 3,139 shares of common stock at \$34.88 per share were granted to Mr. Miller on January 24, 2005, which grant has previously been reported. The partial exercise of these options for the purchase of 1,330 shares has previously been reported. Of the remaining options, options for the purchase of 554 shares vested on January 15, 2008, options for the purchase of 628 shares vested on January 15, 2009 and options for the purchase of 627 shares vested on January 15, 2010.
- (3) The options were granted under the Health Care REIT, Inc. 1995 Stock Incentive Plan and had no acquisition price.

(4)

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Options for the purchase of 8,191 shares of common stock at \$36.50 per share were granted to Mr. Miller on January 23, 2006, which grant has previously been reported. Options for the purchase of 1,639 shares vested on January 15 of each 2007 and 2008, options for the purchase of 1,638 shares vested on January 15 of each 2009 and 2010, and options for the purchase of 1,637 shares vested on January 15, 2011.

(5) The options were granted under the Health Care REIT, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan and had no acquisition price.

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