

HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/

Form 4

January 30, 2012

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CRABTREE MICHAEL A

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)
01/26/2012

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Sr. Vice President & Treasurer

TOLEDO, OH 43615

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
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Person

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/26/2012		A	4,449	A	\$ 0 (1)	49,492 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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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 57.33	01/26/2012		A	7,652	01/15/2013 ⁽²⁾ 01/26/2022	Common	7,652 ⁽²⁾
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾	01/26/2012		A	4,623	01/31/2012 ⁽⁴⁾ 01/31/2017 ⁽⁴⁾	Common	4,623 ⁽⁴⁾

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
CRABTREE MICHAEL A 4500 DORR STREET TOLEDO, OH 43615	Sr. Vice President & Treasurer

Signatures

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: Michael A. Crabtree 01/30/2012

__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 were granted without cash consideration as shares of restricted stock under the Amended and Restated Health Care REIT, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) Options for the purchase of 7,652 shares of common stock at \$57.33 per share were granted to Mr. Crabtree on January 26, 2012. Options for the purchase of 1,531 shares will vest on January 15 of each of 2013 and 2014 and options for the purchase of 1,530 shares will vest on January 15 of each of 2015, 2016 and 2017.
- (3) The options were granted under the Amended and Restated Health Care REIT, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan and had no acquisition price.
- (4) These deferred stock units were granted without cash consideration on January 26, 2012 under the Amended and Restated Health Care REIT, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Each deferred stock unit represents a right to receive one share of common stock of Health Care REIT, Inc. at the time of vesting of the unit. These deferred stock units vest in four installments with 1,156 units vesting on January 31, 2012, 1,156 units vesting on January 31 of each of 2015 and 2016 and 1,155 units vesting on January 31, 2017.

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