HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/

Form 4

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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 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			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2012					Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr. Vice President & Treasurer			
	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					
TOLEDO, OH 43615								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any		med on Date, if Day/Year)	n Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	01/31/2012			A	339 (1)	A	\$ 0 (1)	49,831	D		
Common Stock	01/31/2012			M	1,156 (2)	A	\$ 0 (2)	50,987	D		
Common Stock	01/31/2012			F	112 (3)	D	\$ 57.21	50,875	D		
Common Stock	01/31/2012			F	382 (4)	D	\$ 57.21	50,493	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Share

1.15

(2)

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 proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	•		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitic (Instr. 3 and 4)	
						and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb

Deferred

Stock $\$0^{(5)}$ 01/31/2012 M 1,156 01/31/2012 $^{(5)}$ 01/31/2012 $^{(5)}$ Common

Code V (A)

(D)

Units

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

02/02/2012

**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).
- The reported transaction was the satisfaction of a performance contingency applicable to 339 performance shares granted without cash consideration on January 27, 2011 under the Amended and Restated Health Care REIT, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan. No amount was payable in connection with the vesting or the common stock issuance.
- (2) The reported transaction was a vesting of 1,156 deferred stock units on January 31, 2012, resulting in the issuance of 1,156 shares of common stock. No amount was payable in connection with the vesting or the common stock issuance.
- (3) Tax withholding in shares of common stock on 339 performance shares granted on January 27, 2011, which grant vested on January 31, 2012.

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- (4) Tax withholding in shares of common stock on 1,156 deferred stock units granted on January 26, 2012, which grant vested on January 31, 2012.
- 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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