

HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Loftus Daniel R

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)  
01/31/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President

TOLEDO, OH 43615  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	01/31/2012		A		339 <sup>(1)</sup> \$ 0 <sub>(1)</sub>	D	36,784.34
Common Stock	01/31/2012		M		1,091 <sub>(2)</sub> \$ 0 <sub>(2)</sub>	D	37,875.34

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 (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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/31/2012		M	1,091	01/31/2012 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/31/2012 <sup>(3)</sup>	Common	1,091 <sup>(2)</sup>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Loftus Daniel R 4500 DORR STREET TOLEDO, OH 43615			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: Daniel R. Loftus  
Date: 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.

(1) The reported transaction was a vesting of 1,091 deferred stock units on January 31, 2012, resulting in the issuance of 1,091 shares of common stock. No amount was payable in connection with the vesting or the common stock issuance.

(2) 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 1,091 units having vested on January 31, 2012 and 1,090 units vesting on January 31 of each of 2015, 2016 and 2017.

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