HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading CHAPMAN GEORGE L Issuer Symbol HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/ (Check all applicable) [HCN] _X__ Director (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 4500 DORR STREET 03/09/2012 Chairman, CEO and 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 **TOLEDO, OH 43615** Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Ownership

Security Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial Ownership Owned Following (D) or (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Reported Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price Amount Common D

03/09/2012 $J_{(1)}^{(1)}$ V 36,513 271,295.5808 D \$0 Stock

Common Ι 6,822 IRA (2) Stock

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. Transa Code (Instr.		Secur Secur Acqu or Di (D)	rities nired (A) sposed of 3, 4,	6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	te	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securitie
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amous or Number of Sha
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.5	03/09/2012		J <u>(1)</u>	V		889	01/15/2011	01/23/2016(3)	Common Stock	889
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.5	03/09/2012		J <u>(1)</u>	V		3,670	01/15/2011	01/23/2016 <u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	3,67
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 45.73	03/09/2012		<u>J(1)</u>	V		1,448	01/15/2008	01/22/2017 <u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	1,44
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 45.73	03/09/2012		J <u>(1)</u>	V		4,287	01/15/2008	01/22/2017 <u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	4,28
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.83	03/09/2012		J <u>(1)</u>	V		1,932	01/15/2009	01/21/2018(8)	Common Stock	1,93
Stock Ooption (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.83	03/09/2012		J <u>(1)</u>	V		9,504	01/15/2009	01/21/2018(9)	Common Stock	9,50
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 37	03/09/2012		J <u>(1)</u>	V		14,102	01/15/2011	01/29/2019(10)	Common Stock	14,10

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				

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CHAPMAN GEORGE L 4500 DORR STREET TOLEDO, OH 43615

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Chairman, CEO and President

Signatures

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: George L. Chapman

03/13/2012

**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).
- Represents a transfer of 36,513 shares and 35,832 stock options to the reporting person's ex-spouse pursuant to a Decision and Judgment issued by the Court of Appeals of Ohio, Sixth Appellate District. The reporting person no longer reports as beneficially owned any securities which are beneficially owned by his ex-spouse.
- (2) George L. Chapman III IRA FCC as Custodian.
 - Options for the purchase of 11,111 shares of common stock at \$36.50 per share were granted to Mr. Chapman on January 23, 2006,
- (3) which grant has been previously reported. The partial exercise of these options for the purchase of 4,444 shares and the transfer of 4,445 options have been previously reported. Of the remaining options, options for the purchase of 2,222 shares vested on January 15, 2011.
- (4) The options were granted under the Health Care REIT, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan and had no acquisition price.
- Options for the purchase of 45,872 shares of common stock at \$36.50 per share were granted to Mr. Chapman on January 23, 2006, which grant has been previously reported. The partial exercise of these options for the purchase of 23,543 shares and the transfer of 18,349 options have been previously reported. Of the remaining options, options for the purchase of 3,980 shares vested on January 15, 2011.
- Options for the purchase of 10,727 shares of common stock at \$45.73 per share were granted to Mr. Chapman on January 22, 2007, which grant has been previously reported. The transfer of 3,218 options has previously been reported. Options for the purchase of 1,073 shares vested January 15 of each of 2008, 2009 and 2010 and options for the purchase of 2,145 shares vested January 15 of each of 2011 and 2012.
- Options for the purchase of 31,756 shares of common stock at \$45.73 per share were granted to Mr. Chapman on January 22, 2007, which grant has been previously reported. The transfer of 9,527 options has previously been reported. Options for the purchase of 3,176 shares vested on January 15, 2008, options for the purchase of 3,176 shares vested on January 15, 2010 and options for the purchase of 6,351 shares vested on January 15 of each of 2011 and 2012.
- Options for the purchase of 12,341 shares of common stock at \$40.83 per share were granted to Mr. Chapman on January 21, 2008, which grant has been previously reported. The transfer of 2,468 options has previously been reported. Options for the purchase of 1,235 shares vested on January 15, 2009, options for the purchase of 2,468 shares vested on January 15 of each of 2011 and 2012 and options for the purchase of 2,468 will vest on January 15, 2013.
 - Options for the purchase of 60,688 shares of common stock at \$40.83 per share were granted to Mr. Chapman on January 21, 2008, which grant has been previously reported. The transfer of 12,138 options has previously been reported. Options for the purchase of 6,060 shares vested on January 15, of each of 2000 and 2010, options for the purchase of 12,138 shares vested on January 15, 2011.
- (9) 6,069 shares vested on January 15 of each of 2009 and 2010, options for the purchase of 12,138 shares vested on January 15, 2011, options for the purchase of 12,137 shares vested on January 15, 2012 and options for the purchase of 12,137 shares will vest on January 15, 2013.

Options for the purchase of 109,914 shares of common stock at \$37.00 per share were granted to Mr. Chapman on January 29, 2009, which grant has been previously reported. The partial exercise of these options for the purchase of 27,478 shares and the transfer of 10,992 options have been previously reported. Of the remaining options, options for the purchase of 5,496 shares vested on January 15, 2011, options for the purchase of 21,983 shares vested on January 15, 2012, options for the purchase of 21,983 shares will vest on January 15, 2013 and options for the purchase of 21,982 shares will vest on January 15, 2014.

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