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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Miller Jeffrey H			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) 4500 DORF	(First) (I	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2013					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 Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D) erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Dat any (Month/Day/Y		on Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price			Owned Indirect (I) Owned			
Common Stock	04/01/2013			M	1,202	A	\$ 40.83	86,791	D		
Common Stock	04/01/2013			M	798	A	\$ 37	87,589	D		
Common Stock	04/01/2013			S(1)	2,250	D	\$ 67.69	85,339	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)	\$ 40.83	04/01/2013		M	1,202	01/15/2013(2)	01/21/2018	Common	3,651 (2)
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 37	04/01/2013		M	798	01/15/2013(4)	01/29/2019	Common	13,524 (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

04/02/2013

**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 of a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan dated November 19, 2012.
- Options for the purchase of 18,257 shares of common stock at \$40.83 per share were granted to Mr. Miller on January 21, 2008, which grant has previously been reported. The partial exercise of these options for the purchase of 14,606 shares has previously been reported. Of the remaining options, options for the purchase of 3,651 shares vested on January 15, 2013.
- (3) The options were granted under the Health Care REIT, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan and had no acquisition price.
- (4) Options for the purchase of 33,813 shares of common stock at \$37.00 per share were granted to Mr. Miller on January 29, 2009, which grant has previously been reported. The partial exercise of these options for the purchase of 20,289 shares has previously been reported. Of the remaining options, options for the purchase of 6,762 shares vested on January 15, 2013 and options for the purchase of 6,762

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shares will vest on January 15, 2014.

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