

HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
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) (First) (Middle)  
4500 DORR STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/15/2014

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP-COO

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 or Price		
Common Stock	12/15/2014		M		757 A \$ 45.73	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2014		M		1,372 A \$ 37	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2014		M		11,983 A \$ 49.17	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2014		S <sup>(1)</sup>		14,645 D \$ 76.28	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. 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 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)	\$ 45.73	12/15/2014		M	757	01/15/2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/22/2017	Common	757 <sup>(2)</sup>
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 37	12/15/2014		M	1,372	01/15/2014 <sup>(4)</sup>	01/29/2019	Common	6,762 <sup>(4)</sup>
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 49.17	12/15/2014		M	11,983	01/15/2012 <sup>(5)</sup>	01/27/2021	Common	19,97 <sup>(5)</sup>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Miller Jeffrey H 4500 DORR STREET TOLEDO, OH 43615			EVP-COO	

## Signatures

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: Jeffrey H. Miller 12/17/2014

\*\*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 to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan dated November 13, 2014.

(2)

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Options for the purchase of 6,805 shares of common stock at \$45.73 per share were granted to Mr. Miller on January 22, 2007, which grant has previously been reported. The partial exercise of these options for the purchase of 6,048 shares has previously been reported. Of the remaining options, options for the purchase of 757 shares vested January 15, 2012.

- (3) 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 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 27,051 shares has previously been reported. Of the remaining options, options for the purchase of 6,762 shares vested on January 15, 2014.

- (4) grant has previously been reported. The partial exercise of these options for the purchase of 27,051 shares has previously been reported. Of the remaining options, options for the purchase of 6,762 shares vested on January 15, 2014.

Options for the purchase of 19,971 shares of common stock at \$49.17 per share were granted to Mr. Miller on January 27, 2011, which grant has previously been reported. Options for the purchase of 3,995 shares vested on January 15, 2012, options for the purchase of 3,994 shares vested on January 15 of each of 2013 and 2014 and options for the purchase of 3,994 shares will vest on January 15 of each of 2015 and 2016.

- (5) 3,994 shares vested on January 15 of each of 2013 and 2014 and options for the purchase of 3,994 shares will vest on January 15 of each of 2015 and 2016.

- (6) The options were granted under the Amended and Restated Health Care REIT, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan and had no acquisition price.

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