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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and BRAUN 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) ONE SEAGATE, SUITE 1500			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/15/2005					Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & CFO			
TOLEDO,	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) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Transaction Date 2A. Deeme (Month/Day/Year) Execution any (Month/Day			4. Securi or(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	ed of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/15/2005			F	2,685	D	\$ 34.64	56,326	D		
Common Stock								7,000	I	Custodian (1)	
Common Stock								6,000	I	Custodian (2)	
Common Stock								30,570	I	Revocable Trust (3)	

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	- !
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Da	ite	Amou	ınt of	Derivative	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	Ī
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		
	Security				Acquired						1
					(A) or						1
					Disposed						
					of (D)						
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									A 4		
									Amount		
							Expiration Date	Title	or		
									Number		
				C 1 W	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BRAUN RAYMOND W ONE SEAGATE SUITE 1500 TOLEDO, OH 43604

President & CFO

Signatures

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: Raymond W.
Braun
01/18/2005

**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) Custodian for Hillary J. Braun under the OH Unif Gift to Minors Act
- (2) Custodian for Raymond W. Braun, Jr. under the OH Unif Gift to Minors Act
- (3) Theresa P. Braun Revocable Trust

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