#### HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/

Form 4

January 26, 2005

### FORM 4

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

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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**OMB APPROVAL** 

Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/

Symbol

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See Instruction 1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

CHAPMAN GEORGE L

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

				[HCN]						(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE SEAGATE, SUITE 1500				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/24/2005					_X Director 10% Owner Self-cert (give title Other (specify below)				
(Street)				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				
TOLEDO, OH 43604										Person			
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially								ly Owned					
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Executio any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	tioi	4. Securiti n(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	posed	l of	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	01/24/2005			A		24,894	A	\$ 0 (1)	216,906.4395	D		
	Common Stock									2,792.6623	I	Account for Son (2)	
	Common Stock									2,793.2815	I	Account for Son (2)	
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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 of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Underlying	7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share	

Option

(Right to \$ 34.88 01/24/2005 A 23,198  $01/15/2006\underline{(4)}$  01/24/2015 Common

Buy)

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CHAPMAN GEORGE L ONE SEAGATE SUITE 1500 TOLEDO, OH 43604	X		Chairman and CEO				

## **Signatures**

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: George L.
Chapman
01/26/2005

\*\*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) These shares were granted without cash consideration as shares of restricted stock under the Health Care REIT, Inc. 1995 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (2) Account for son of George L. Chapman
- (3) George L. Chapman III SSB IRA Rollover Custodian

Options for the purchase of 23,198 shares of common stock at \$34.88 per share were granted to Mr. Chapman on January 24, 2005.

(4) Options for the purchase of 4,640 shares will vest on January 15 of each 2006, 2007 and 2008 and options for the purchase of 4,639 shares will vest on January 15 of each 2009 and 2010.

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(5) The options were granted under the Health Care REIT, Inc. 1995 Stock Incentive Plan and had no acquisition price.

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