

HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/

Form 4

January 22, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CRABTREE MICHAEL A

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)

HEALTH CARE REIT, INC., ONE
SEAGATE, SUITE 1500

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/21/2008

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Vice President & Treasurer

TOLEDO, OH 43604

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	01/21/2008		A		3,569	A	\$ 0 (1)
							41,750
							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)**

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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)	\$ 40.83	01/21/2008		A	7,772	01/15/2009 ⁽²⁾ 01/21/2018	Common 7,772 ⁽²⁾

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
CRABTREE MICHAEL A HEALTH CARE REIT, INC. ONE SEAGATE, SUITE 1500 TOLEDO, OH 43604	Vice President & Treasurer

Signatures

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: Michael A. Crabtree 01/22/2008

__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 were granted without cash consideration as shares of restricted stock under the Health Care REIT, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) Options for the purchase of 7,772 shares of common stock at \$40.83 per share were granted to Mr. Crabtree on January 21, 2008. Options for the purchase of 1,555 shares will vest on January 15 of each of 2009, 2010 and 2011, options for the purchase of 1,554 shares will vest on January 15, 2012 and options for the purchase of 1,553 shares will vest 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.

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