

HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/
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FORM 4

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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 *
KLIPSCH FRED S

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
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/28/2010

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Vice Chairman

TOLEDO, OH 43604
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/29/2010		M	676 A \$ 0 (1)	42,745	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾	01/28/2010		A	1,733	01/28/2011 ⁽²⁾ 01/28/2013 ⁽²⁾	Common 1,733
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	01/29/2010		M	676	01/29/2010 ⁽³⁾ 01/29/2010 ⁽³⁾	Common 676

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KLIPSCH FRED S ONE SEAGATE, SUITE 1500 TOLEDO, OH 43604	X		Vice Chairman	

Signatures

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: Fred S. Klipsch 01/29/2010

__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 reported transaction was a vesting of 676 deferred stock units on January 29, 2010, resulting in the issuance of 676 shares of common stock. No amount was payable in connection with the vesting or the common stock issuance.
- (2) These deferred stock units were granted without cash consideration on January 28, 2010 under the Amended and Restated Health Care REIT, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Each deferred stock unit represents a right to receive one share of common stock of Health Care REIT, Inc. at the time of vesting of the unit. These deferred stock units vest in three installments, with 578 units vesting on January 28 of each of 2011 and 2012 and 577 units vesting on January 28, 2013.
- (3) These deferred stock units were granted without cash consideration on January 29, 2009 under the Health Care REIT, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Each deferred stock unit represents a right to receive one share of common stock of Health Care REIT, Inc. at the time of vesting of the unit. These deferred stock units vest in three installments, with 676 units having vested on January 29, 2010, 676 units vesting on January 29, 2011 and 675 units vesting on January 29, 2012.
- (4) Includes (i) 1,351 deferred stock units granted on January 29, 2009, with 676 units vesting on January 29, 2011 and 675 units vesting on January 29, 2012; and (ii) 1,733 deferred stock units granted on January 28, 2010 with 578 units vesting on January 28 of each of 2011 and 2012 and 577 units vesting on January 28, 2013.

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