

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 \*  
Nungester Paul D Jr

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)  
Principal Accounting Officer

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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/28/2010		A	1,733 A \$ 0 (1)	16,160	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 (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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 43.29	01/28/2010		A	3,197	01/15/2011 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/28/2020	Common	3,197 <sup>(2)</sup>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Nungester Paul D Jr ONE SEAGATE, SUITE 1500 TOLEDO, OH 43604				Principal Accounting Officer

## Signatures

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: Paul D. Nungester, Jr. 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 shares were granted without cash consideration as shares of restricted stock under the Amended and Restated Health Care REIT, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
  - Options for the purchase of 3,197 shares of common stock at \$43.29 per share were granted to Mr. Nungester on January 28, 2010.
- (2) Options for the purchase of 640 shares will vest on January 15 of each of 2011 and 2012 and options for the purchase of 639 shares will vest on January 15 of each of 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- (3) 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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