

Brinker Scott M  
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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 \*  
Brinker Scott M

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)  
4500 DORR STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/15/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP - Investments

TOLEDO, OH 43615  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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	05/15/2012		S	3,000 D \$ 55.6169	22,045	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2012		M	911 A \$ 45.73	22,956	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2012		M	676 A \$ 40.83	23,632	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)

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)
Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 45.73	05/15/2012		M	911	01/15/2008 <sup>(1)</sup> 01/22/2017	Common
Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 40.83	05/15/2012		M	676	01/15/2009 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/21/2018	Common

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Brinker Scott M 4500 DORR STREET TOLEDO, OH 43615			EVP - Investments	

## Signatures

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: Scott M. Brinker  
Date: 05/17/2012

\*\*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) Options for the purchase of 3,609 shares of common stock at \$45.73 per share were granted to Mr. Brinker on January 22, 2007, which grant has been previously reported. Options for the purchase of 723 shares vested on January 15, 2008, options for the purchase of 722 shares vested of January 15 of each of 2009 and 2010 and options for the purchase of 721 shares vested on January 15 of each of 2011 and 2012.

(2) The options were granted under the Health Care REIT, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan and had no acquisition price.

(3) Options for the purchase of 5,001 shares of common stock at \$40.83 per share were granted to Mr. Brinker on January 21, 2008, which grant has been previously reported. Options for the purchase of 1,001 shares vested on January 15, 2009, options for the purchase of 1,000 shares vested on January 15 of each of 2010, 2011 and 2012 and options for the purchase of 1,000 shares will vest on January 15, 2013.

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