

CHAPMAN GEORGE L  
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 \*  
CHAPMAN GEORGE L

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)  
06/15/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman, CEO and President

TOLEDO, OH 43615  
  
(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	06/15/2012		M	20,234 A \$ 40.83	285,410.5808	D	
Common Stock	06/15/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	26,353 D \$ 56.5251	259,057.5808	D	
Common Stock					6,822	I	IRA <sup>(2)</sup>

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 40.83	06/15/2012		M	20,234	01/15/2009 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/21/2018	Common

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHAPMAN GEORGE L 4500 DORR STREET TOLEDO, OH 43615	X		Chairman, CEO and President	

## Signatures

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: George L. Chapman

06/18/2012

\_\_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) The shares covered by this Form 4 have been sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan dated March 15, 2012, which is intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1.
- (2) George L. Chapman III IRA FCC as Custodian.  
Options for the purchase of 46,987 shares of common stock at \$40.83 per share were granted to Mr. Chapman on January 21, 2008, which grant has previously been reported. Options for the purchase of 7,304 shares vested on January 15, 2009, options for the purchase of 7,303 shares vested on January 15, 2010, options for the purchase of 9,742 shares vested on January 15, 2011, options for the purchase of 10,953 shares vested on January 15, 2012 and options for the purchase of 11,685 shares will vest on January 15, 2013.
- (4) The options were granted under the Health Care REIT, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan and had no acquisition price.

### Remarks:

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