

HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/

Form 4

April 17, 2015

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 *
ESTES SCOTT 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)
4500 DORR STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/15/2015

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
EVP and CFO

TOLEDO, OH 43615

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	04/15/2015		M		3,831	A	\$ 37 99,012
Common Stock	04/15/2015		S ⁽¹⁾		3,831	D	\$ 76.15 95,181

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 37	04/15/2015		M	3,831	01/15/2011 ⁽²⁾ 01/29/2019	Common 22,985 ⁽²⁾

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
ESTES SCOTT A 4500 DORR STREET TOLEDO, OH 43615	EVP and CFO

Signatures

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: Scott A. Estes 04/17/2015

____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 Trading Plan dated March 27, 2015.
- (2) Options for the purchase of 33,813 shares of common stock at \$37.00 per share were granted to Mr. Estes on January 29, 2009, which grant has previously been reported. The partial exercise of these options for the purchase of 10,828 shares has previously been reported. Of the remaining options, options for the purchase of 2,698 shares vested on January 15, 2011, options for the purchase of 6,763 shares vested on January 15, 2012 and options for the purchase of 6,762 shares vested on January 15 of each of 2013 and 2014.
- (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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