

RHEIN PETER L  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
RHEIN PETER L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3760 KILROY AIRPORT WAY,  
SUITE 300

(Street)

LONG BEACH, CA 90806

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HCP, INC. [HCP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/01/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code V Amount (D) Price   |  |  |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
|                                 |                           |                                      |                                   |                     |                                    |  |   |

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| (Instr. 3)       | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) | Code | V | (A)      | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |
|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|----------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Phantom<br>Stock | <u>(1)</u>                         | 12/01/2008       |            |   | I    |   | 58,494.4 |     | <u>(1)</u>          | <u>(1)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 58,494.4                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| RHEIN PETER L<br>3760 KILROY AIRPORT WAY, SUITE 300<br>LONG BEACH, CA 90806 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Eric J. Stambol, Power of Attorney for Peter L.  
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12/03/2008

  \*\*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) Each phantom stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of HCP common stock and is credited pursuant to HCP's Second Amended and Restated Director Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"). In accordance with the Plan, the reporting person elected to use funds available in an interest account to acquire the phantom stock. Phantom stock units are to be settled in cash upon distribution.

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