HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/

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SECURITIES

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

BORRA PIER C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/ [HCN]

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/22/2004

_X__ Director Officer (give title

Issuer

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O HEALTH CARE REIT.

INC., ONE SEAGATE, SUITE 1500

(State)

(Zip)

(Street) 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 an Paneficially On

TOLEDO, OH 43604

(City)

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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)	(Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	10/22/2004		Code V M	Amount 5,000	(D)	\$ 24.875	56,326	D	
Common Stock	10/22/2004		M	5,000	A	\$ 25.125	61,326	D	
Common Stock	10/22/2004		M	1,667	A	\$ 25.82	62,993	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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)	\$ 24.875	10/22/2004		M	5,000	07/20/1997(1)	01/20/2007	Common	5,000 (1)
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.125	10/22/2004		M	1,667	01/18/2000(3)	01/18/2009	Common	5,000 (3)
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.125	10/22/2004		M	1,667	01/18/2001(3)	01/18/2009	Common	3,333 (3)
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.125	10/22/2004		M	1,666	01/18/2002(3)	01/18/2009	Common	1,666 (3)
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.82	10/22/2004		M	1,667	01/28/2004(4)	01/28/2013	Common	5,000 (<u>4)</u>

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
- 5	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BORRA PIER C C/O HEALTH CARE REIT, INC. ONE SEAGATE, SUITE 1500 TOLEDO, OH 43604	X					

Signatures

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: Pier C.

Borra 10/25/2004

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**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).
- Options for the purchase of 10,000 shares of common stock at \$24.875 per share were granted to Mr. Borra on January 20, 1997, which grant has previously been reported. The partial exercise of these options for the purchase of 5,000 shares has previously been reported. Of the remaining options, options for the purchase of 5,000 shares vested on July 20, 1997.
- (2) The options were granted under the Health Care REIT, Inc. 1997 Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors and had no acquisition price.
 - Options for the purchase of 5,000 shares of common stock at \$25.125 per share were granted to Mr. Borra on January 18, 1999, which
- (3) grant has previously been reported. Options for the purchase of 1,667 shares vested on January 18 of each 2000 and 2001 and options for the purchase of 1,666 shares vested on January 18, 2002.
- Options for the purchase of 5,000 shares of common stock at \$25.82 per share were granted to Mr. Borra on January 28, 2003, which grant has previously been reported. Options for the purchase of 1,667 shares vested on January 28, 2004, options for the purchase of 1,667 shares will vest on January 28, 2005 and options for the purchase of 1,666 shares will vest on January 28, 2006.

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