CHAPMAN GEORGE L

Form 4

March 12, 2013

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(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) 4500 DOR	(Last) (First) (Middle) 4500 DORR STREET			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/08/2013				X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman, CEO and President		
TOLEDO	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 Form filed by More than One Reporting				
TOLEDO, OH 43615								Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	posed	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	03/08/2013			M	9,726	A	\$ 40.83	298,178.3487	D	
Common Stock	03/08/2013			M	2,287	A	\$ 37	300,465.3487	D	
Common Stock	03/08/2013			S(1)	21,001	D	\$ 65.06	279,464.3487	D	
Common Stock								6,822	I	IRA (2)

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)	Expiration Date		7. Title and A Underlying So (Instr. 3 and 4	ec
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A or N
Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 40.83	03/08/2013		M	9,726	01/15/2013(3)	01/21/2018	Common	1
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 37	03/08/2013		M	2,287	01/15/2013(5)	01/29/2019	Common	3

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

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

03/12/2013

**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 5, 2013, 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. The partial exercise of these options for the purchase of 35,302 shares has previously been reported.
- Of the remaining options, options for the purchae of 11,685 shares vested 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.

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Options for the purchase of 84,820 shares of common stock at \$37.00 per share were granted to Mr. Chapman on January 29, 2009, which grant has been previously reported. The partial exercise of these options for the purchase of 45,801 shares have been previously reported. Of the remaining options, options for the purchase of 19,235 shares vested on January 15, 2013 and options for the purchase of 19,784 shares will vest on January 15, 2014.

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