HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Brinker Scott M

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/ [HCN]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title

(Month/Day/Year)

Other (specify below) **EVP** - Chief Investment Officer

08/06/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

TOLEDO, OH 43615

4500 DORR STREET

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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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)

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired
Derivative (A) or
Security Disposed of (D)
(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D

(D) Date Expiration Title

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Exercisable Date

Performance-Based

Restricted Stock (1) 08/06/2015 A 9,076 (1) Common

Units

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Brinker Scott M 4500 DORR STREET TOLEDO, OH 43615

EVP - Chief Investment Officer

Signatures

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: Scott M. Brinker

08/10/2015

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).

This performance-based restricted stock unit award granted under the Amended and Restated Health Care REIT, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan are target shares as defined in the 2015-2017 Long-Term Incentive Program. Final share amounts will be determined at the conclusion of the performance period based on the Company's total shareholder return as determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of HCN's common stock.

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