VENTAS INC Form 4 May 14, 2007

FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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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)

SUITE 300

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CAFARO DEBRA A

10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE,

(Ctata)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

VENTAS INC [VTR]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

(7:m)

05/10/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

Chairman, President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-De	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	y 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) (A) or		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	05/10/2007		M	24,500	A	\$ 23.81	763,128	D	
Common Stock	05/10/2007		S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 42.95	763,028	D	
Common Stock	05/10/2007		S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 42.96	762,928	D	
Common Stock	05/10/2007		S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 42.99	762,828	D	
Common Stock	05/10/2007		S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 43	762,628	D	

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Common Stock	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 43.02	762,428	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 43.03	762,028	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 43.04	761,928	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 43.05	761,528	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 43.06	761,128	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 43.07	761,028	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 43.08	760,828	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 43.09	760,428	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 43.1	760,328	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 43.11	760,128	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 43.12	759,728	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	398	D	\$ 43.13	759,330	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	302	D	\$ 43.14	759,028	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	1,200	D	\$ 43.15	757,828	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 43.16	757,628	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 43.17	757,328	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	700	D	\$ 43.18	756,628	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 43.19	756,428	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 43.2	756,128	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 43.21	755,928	D
	05/10/2007	$S_{(1)(2)}$	400	D		755,528	D

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Common Stock					\$ 43.22		
Common Stock	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 43.23	755,028	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	1,100	D	\$ 43.24	753,928	D
Common Stock	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	1,400	D	\$ 43.25	752,528	D
Common Stock (3)	05/10/2007	S(1)(2)	800	D	\$ 43.26	751,728	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisab	le and	7. Title and A	Amount o
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onDerivative	Expiration Date		Underlying S	Securities
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year	r)	(Instr. 3 and	4)
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A)				
	Derivative				or Disposed of				
	Security				(D)				
					(Instr. 3, 4,				
					and 5)				
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number
				Code V	(A) (D)				of Share
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.81	05/10/2007		M	24,500	01/23/2004(4)	01/23/2014	Common Stock	24,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationsnips						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CAFARO DEBRA A			Chairman,				
10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300	X		President and				
LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223			CEO				

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Signatures

Debra A. Cafaro, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact

05/14/2007

**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) On May 10, 2007, the Reporting Person transmitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission a Form 144 covering the sale of the Issuer's common stock reported on Table I.
- (2) These shares are being sold pursuant to a written non-discretionary Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan dated November 3, 2006.
- (3) Please see the Reporting Person's subsequent Form 4 filing dated the date hereof which contains additional transactions which are part of one aggregate direction under the Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan described in Footnote (2).
- (4) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 142,080 on January 23, 2004 by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in three equal installments on January 23, 2004, January 23, 2005 and January 23, 2006.
- (5) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of May 10, 2007.

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