

VENTAS INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
**111 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE
SUITE 4800**

(Street)

CHICAGO,, IL 60606

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VENTAS INC [VTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/15/2008

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)
Chairman, President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock (1) | 05/15/2008 | | S(2)(3) | | 200 | D | \$ 48.16 755,036 |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2008 | | S(2)(3) | | 100 | D | \$ 48.17 754,936 |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2008 | | S(2)(3) | | 100 | D | \$ 48.18 754,836 |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2008 | | S(2)(3) | | 200 | D | \$ 48.19 754,636 |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2008 | | S(2)(3) | | 300 | D | \$ 48.2 754,336 |

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|--------------|------------|----------------|-----|---|------------|-----------------------------|---|----------|
| Common Stock | 05/15/2008 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 300 | D | \$ 48.21 | 754,036 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2008 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 200 | D | \$ 48.22 | 753,836 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2008 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 300 | D | \$ 48.23 | 753,536 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2008 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 100 | D | \$ 48.2354 | 753,436 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2008 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 100 | D | \$ 48.24 | 753,336 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2008 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 100 | D | \$ 48.251 | 753,236 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2008 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 100 | D | \$ 48.288 | 753,136 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2008 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 100 | D | \$ 48.29 | 753,036 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2008 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 100 | D | \$ 48.3295 | 752,936 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2008 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 100 | D | \$ 48.33 | 752,836 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 5,000 <u>(4)</u> <u>(5)</u> | I | By Trust |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CAFARO DEBRA A 111 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE SUITE 4800 CHICAGO,, IL 60606 | X | | | Chairman, President and CEO |

Signatures

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

05/19/2008

__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) Please see the Reporting Person's previous 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 (3).
- (2) On May 15, 2008 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.
- (3) These shares are being sold pursuant to a written non-discretionary Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan dated November 15, 2007.
- (4) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 5,000 shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.
- (5) As of May 15, 2008, Reporting Person also owns options to purchase 517,806 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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