

Sowell Joseph A III
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FORM 4

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Sowell Joseph A III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HCA Healthcare, Inc. [HCA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 ONE PARK PLAZA
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/30/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP; Chief Development Officer

NASHVILLE, TN 37203

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 | 01/30/2018 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 22,025 | A | \$ 13.2542 |
| Common Stock | 01/30/2018 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 64,346 | A | \$ 22.95 |
| Common Stock | 01/30/2018 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 22,025 | D | \$ 101.86 |
| Common Stock | 01/30/2018 | | F ⁽¹⁾ | | 32,751 | D | \$ 101.45 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 8,000 |
| | | | | | | I | By Trust (Reporting Person, |

Trustee)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.2542 ⁽²⁾ | 01/30/2018 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 22,025 | 02/10/2012 | 02/10/2020 | Common Stock | 22,025 |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 22.95 | 01/30/2018 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 62,500 | ⁽⁴⁾ | 02/08/2022 | Common Stock | 62,500 |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 22.95 | 01/30/2018 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 1,846 | ⁽⁵⁾ | 02/08/2022 | Common Stock | 1,846 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Sowell Joseph A III ONE PARK PLAZA NASHVILLE, TN 37203 | | | SVP; Chief Development Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Natalie Harrison Cline,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/01/2018

 **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 exercise of options, exercise of stock appreciation rights and sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (2) Exercise Price was adjusted to reflect a 4.505 to 1 stock split that occurred with respect to the Issuer's common stock effective March 9, 2011.
- (3) Shares have been adjusted to reflect a 4.505 to 1 stock split that occurred with respect to the Issuer's common stock effective March 9, 2011.
- (4) The stock appreciation rights vested at the end of fiscal years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 based upon the achievement of certain annual EBITDA performance targets.
- (5) The stock appreciation right vested in four equal annual installments beginning on February 8, 2013.

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