HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * IBELE ERIN C			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) ONE SEAGA	SEAGATE, SUITE 1500		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2006	Director 10% Owner Other (specify below)		
(Street)			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		
TOLEDO, OH 43604				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly 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. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (` ′	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	02/16/2006		M	7,000	A	\$ 16.81	53,481	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2006		M	7,000	A	\$ 24.42	60,481	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2006		S	14,000	D	\$ 36.205	46,481	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 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.81	02/16/2006		M	7,000	12/15/2005(1)	10/17/2010	Common	7,000 (1)
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.42	02/16/2006		M	7,000	12/15/2005(3)	12/12/2011	Common	14,000 (3)

Reporting Owners

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

IBELE ERIN C ONE SEAGATE SUITE 1500 TOLEDO, OH 43604

VP-Admin. & Corp. Secy.

Signatures

Erin C. Ibele 02/17/2006

**Signature of Person

**Bate

**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).
- Options for the purchase of 35,000 shares of common stock at \$16.81 per share were granted to Ms. Ibele on October 17, 2000, which grant has previously been reported. The partial exercise of these options for the purchase of 28,000 shares has previously been reported. Of the remaining options, options for the purchase of 7,000 shares vested on December 15, 2005.
- (2) The options were granted under the Health Care REIT, Inc. 1995 Stock Incentive Plan and had no acquisition price.
- Options for the purchase of 35,000 shares of common stock at \$24.42 per share were granted to Ms. Ibele on December 12, 2001, which grant has previously been reported. The partial exercise of these options for the purchase of 21,000 shares has previously been reported. Of the remaining options, options for the purchase of 7,000 shares vested on December 15, 2005 and options for the purchase of 7,000 shares will vest on December 15, 2006.

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