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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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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

1(b).

Reed Robert D. Issuer Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 353 N. CLARK STREET, SUITE 01/01/2018 below) 3300

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

CHICAGO, IL 60654

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 6. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V (D) Price Amount Common 479.087 \$ 30,842.773 01/01/2018 D Α (1) Stock 60.01 (2)

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)

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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. ionNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			7. Tit. Amou Under Secur (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Reed Robert D. 353 N. CLARK STREET SUITE 3300 CHICAGO, IL 60654	X						

Signatures

Robert D. Reed, By: T. Richard Riney,
Attorney-In-Fact
01/03/2018

**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).
- Common stock in the form of units granted under the Ventas Nonemployee Directors' Deferred Stock Compensation Plan (the "Plan") in
- (1) lieu of director fees pursuant to the director's deferral election. Such units are payable solely in common stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the director's deferral election and the Plan.
- (2) As of January 1, 2018, Reporting Person owns options to purchase an aggregate of 23,760 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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