VENTAS INC Form 4 April 13, 2005

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ROSENBERG SHELLZ 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 TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE 04/11/2005 below) PLAZA, SUITE 600 4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CHICAGO, IL 60606 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 3. 6. Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Ownership Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V (D) Price Amount Common 58.457 \$ 37,112.341 04/11/2005 D Α (1) Stock 25.66 (2) (3) (4)

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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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ROSENBERG SHELI Z TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 600 CHICAGO, IL 60606	X						

Signatures

Sheli Z. Rosenberg, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact

04/13/2005

**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 Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan ("Plan") in lieu of
- (1) Director committee meeting 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 April 11, 2005, Reporting Person also owns options to purchase 30,000 shares of Issuer's common stock.
- (3) Includes 503.933 shares acquired on April 5, 2005 under the Ventas, Inc. Distribution Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.
- Includes 14.854 Units acquired on April 5, 2005 under the Ventas Nonemployee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan as a result of dividend equivalents credited with respect to dividend paid on April 5, 2005.

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