VENTAS INC Form 4 July 12, 2007

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE,

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Chairman, President and CEO

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

VENTAS INC [VTR] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

07/10/2007

X Director X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

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X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non-De | erivative S | ecuriti | ies Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y 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) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | , | |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | | M | 24,500 | A | \$ 24.93 | 763,128 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | | S(1)(2) | 100 | D | \$ 36.8 | 763,028 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | | S(1)(2) | 200 | D | \$ 36.82 | 762,828 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | | S(1)(2) | 100 | D | \$ 36.85 | 762,728 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | | S(1)(2) | 200 | D | \$ 36.9 | 762,528 | D | |

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| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 300 | D | \$ 36.93 | 762,228 | D |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|-------|---|-------------|---------|---|
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 200 | D | \$ 36.95 | 762,028 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 100 | D | \$ 36.96 | 761,928 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 200 | D | \$ 36.97 | 761,728 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 100 | D | \$ 36.99 | 761,628 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 200 | D | \$ 37.01 | 761,428 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 100 | D | \$ 37.02 | 761,328 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 100 | D | \$ 37.03 | 761,228 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 200 | D | \$ 37.04 | 761,028 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 100 | D | \$ 37.05 | 760,928 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 100 | D | \$ 37.06 | 760,828 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 300 | D | \$ 37.09 | 760,528 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 800 | D | \$ 37.1 | 759,728 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 300 | D | \$ 37.11 | 759,428 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 700 | D | \$ 37.12 | 758,728 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 2,100 | D | \$ 37.13 | 756,628 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 400 | D | \$ 37.14 | 756,228 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 600 | D | \$ 37.15 | 755,628 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 400 | D | \$ 37.16 | 755,228 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 400 | D | \$ 37.17 | 754,828 | D |
| | 07/10/2007 | $S_{(1)(2)}$ | 400 | D | | 754,428 | D |

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| Common Stock | | | | | \$ 37.18 | |
|------------------|------------|---------|-------|---|---------------------|---|
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 400 | D | \$ 37.19 754,028 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 300 | D | \$ 37.2 753,728 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 700 | D | \$ 753,028 | D |
| Common Stock (3) | 07/10/2007 | S(1)(2) | 1,200 | D | \$ 751,828 | 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 | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---------|--|--------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| | Derivative Security | | | or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Share |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 24.93 | 07/10/2007 | | M | 24,500 | 01/25/2005(4) | 01/25/2015 | Common Stock | 24,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Keiationsnips | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| CAFARO DEBRA A | | | Chairman, | | | | |
| 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300 | X | | President and | | | | |
| LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223 | | | CEO | | | | |

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Signatures

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

07/12/2007

**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) On May 10, 2007, 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.
- (2) These shares are being sold pursuant to a written non-discretionary Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan dated November 3, 2006.
- (3) Please see the Reporting Person's subsequent Form 4 filings dated the date hereof which contain additional transactions which are part of one aggregate direction under the Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan described in Footnote (2).
- (4) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 149,539 on January 25, 2005 by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in three equal installments on January 25, 2005, January 25, 2006 and January 25, 2007.
- (5) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of July 10, 2007.

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