**VENTAS INC** Form 4 January 22, 2008

# 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).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Wood Brian K	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE,	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/19/2008	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (special below)			
SUITE 300 (Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	SVP-Tax  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
LOUISVILLE, KY 40223	Filed(Month/Day/Year)				

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Secu	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, 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. Securities Approximately 10 (A) or Dispose (Instr. 3, 4 and 10 or Amount (D)	ed of (D)	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	01/19/2008		F	431 (1) D	\$ 39.97	13,519.218	D	
Common Stock	01/21/2008		F	176 (2) D	\$ 39.97	13,643.601 (3)	D	
Common Stock						2,527 (4)	I	By IRA

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu		
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				Code V	(A) (D)			,	Shares				

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Wood Brian K 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300 LOUISVILLE, KY 40223

**SVP-Tax** 

## **Signatures**

Brian K. Wood, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact

01/22/2008

\*\*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) Represents shares withheld to pay taxes on the vesting of restricted stock previously granted to Reporting Person on January 19, 2007 under the Ventas, Inc. 2006 Incentive Plan.
- (2) Represents shares withheld to pay taxes on the vesting of restricted stock previously granted to Reporting Person on January 21, 2005 under the Ventas, Inc. 2000 Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (3) Includes 300.383 shares acquired between February 26, 2007 and January 21, 2008 under the Ventas Employee and Director Stock Purchase Plan.
- (4) As of January 21, 2008, Reporting Person also owns options to purchase 21,550 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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