

VENTAS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE,  
SUITE 300  
  
(Street)

LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**VENTAS INC [VTR]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/22/2008**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman, President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/22/2008		A	90,996 (1) A \$ 0	802,956	D	
Common Stock	01/22/2008		F	10,530 (2) D \$ 41.54	792,426	D	
Common Stock					5,000 (3)	I	By Trust

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.54	01/22/2008		A	428,560 (4)	01/22/2008 <sup>(5)</sup>	01/22/2018	Common Stock	428,560

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Debra A. Cafaro, By: T. Richard Riney,  
Attorney-In-Fact 01/24/2008

\*\*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) These shares represent restricted shares granted under the Ventas, Inc. 2006 Incentive Plan (the "Plan") on January 22, 2008. These shares vest in cumulative 1/3 annual installments beginning on January 22, 2008.
- (2) Represents shares withheld to pay taxes on the vesting of restricted stock granted on January 22, 2008 under the Plan.
- (3) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 5,000 shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.
- (4) These stock options represent stock options granted under the Plan on January 22, 2008.
- (5) These options vest in cumulative 1/3 annual installments beginning on January 22, 2008.
- (6) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of January 22, 2008.

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