STEELE JOHN M Form 4 July 29, 2005

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

STEELE JOHN M

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

ONE PARK PLAZA

(Street)

(State)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

HCA INC/TN [(HCA)]

(Month/Day/Year) 07/27/2005

Symbol

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

SVP - Human Resources

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

NASHVILLE, TN 37203

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. Code (Instr. 8)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

4. Securities 5. Amount of

(A)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership Form: Direct (T) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 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)

1. Title of Derivative Security

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Securities Code

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

(D) Date Expiration Title Amou

Exercisable Date

or Numb

of Shares

Non-Qualified

Stock Option \$ 49.59 07/27/2005 A 7,500 (i) 01/27/2015 Common Stock Took Option Stock Option Sto

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STEELE JOHN M

ONE PARK PLAZA SVP - Human Resources

NASHVILLE, TN 37203

Signatures

By: /s/ Colleen E. Haley, Attorney-in-Fact 07/29/2005

**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).
- (1) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 27, 2006.

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