

FLAHERTY JAMES F III  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 FLAHERTY JAMES F III

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 3760 KILROY AIRPORT WAY,  
 SUITE 300  
 (Street)

LONG BEACH, CA 90806

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 HCP, INC. [HCP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/23/2010

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)  
 Chief Executive Officer / President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
Common Stock	02/23/2010		A	(A) or (D) Amount 4,347 (1)	\$ 0	937,182	D
Common Stock					47,937	I	by GRAT II
Common Stock					25,292	I	by GRAT IV
Common Stock					2,400	I	Irrevocable Trust (2)
Common Stock					573	I	IRA held by spouse (2)

Common Stock	276	I	2007 Children's Trust <sup>(2)</sup>
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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
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Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FLAHERTY JAMES F III 3760 KILROY AIRPORT WAY, SUITE 300 LONG BEACH, CA 90806	X		Chief Executive Officer	President

## Signatures

Eric J. Stambol, Power of Attorney for James F. Flaherty III  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

02/23/2010  
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 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) Grant of restricted stock units by the issuer. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of HCP common stock. The restricted stock units were credited as dividend equivalents with respect to certain outstanding and unpaid restricted stock units held by Mr. Flaherty and will vest in annual installments over the ten-year period following the date on which Mr. Flaherty attains age 55. Vested units will be paid following the termination of Mr. Flaherty's employment.

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(2) Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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