

Brehl Robert J  
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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 \*  
 Brehl Robert J

2. Issuer Name and 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,  
 SUITE 300  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/25/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Acct. Off. & Controller

LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/25/2012                           |  | F                              | 186 <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 56  | 17,816.878  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/26/2012                           |  | F                              | 215 <sup>(2)</sup> D \$ 56  | 17,628.282 <sup>(3)</sup> <sub>(4)</sub>  | 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)

Table with 9 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Number of Derivative Securities.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address and Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other).

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Signatures

Robert J. Brehl, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact

02/28/2012

\*\*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 the taxes on the vesting of restricted stock granted on February 25, 2011 under the Ventas, Inc. 2006 Incentive Plan (the "Plan").
(2) Represents shares withheld to pay the taxes on the vesting of restricted stock granted on February 26, 2010 under the Plan.
(3) Includes 26,404 shares acquired between January 24, 2012 and February 27, 2012 under the Ventas Employee and Director Stock Purchase Plan.
(4) As of February 26, 2012, Reporting Person also owns options to purchase 27,385 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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