

Brehl Robert J  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Brehl Robert J

(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)

02/27/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Chief Acct. Off. & Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 02/27/2009                              |                                                             | A                                    | 7,569<br>(1)                                                               | \$ 0                                                                                                               | 15,296.222 (2)                                                       | 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)**

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code V (A) (D)                          |                                                                                                                 | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                               | Title Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                        |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                | \$ 21.57                                                              | 02/27/2009                              |                                                             | A                                       | 7,764<br>(3)                                                                                                    | 02/27/2009(4) 02/27/2019                                       | Common<br>Stock 7,764                                               |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                               | Relationships                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                              | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Brehl Robert J<br>10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300<br>LOUISVILLE, KY 40223 | Chief Acct. Off. & Controller    |

## Signatures

Robert J. Brehl, By: T. Richard Riney,  
Attorney-In-Fact 03/03/2009

\_\_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) Restricted stock granted by Issuer pursuant to the Ventas, Inc. 2006 Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). This restricted stock vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the date of grant.
- (2) Includes 193,222 shares acquired between September 3, 2008 and March 2, 2009 under the Ventas Employee and Director Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Stock options granted by Issuer pursuant to the Plan.
- (4) These options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the date of grant.
- (5) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of February 27, 2009.

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