JOHNSON R MILTON

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JOHNSON R MILTON			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HCA Healthcare, Inc. [HCA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
ONE PARK PLAZA			02/22/2018	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
				Chairman & CEO		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
NASHVILLE, TN 37203				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acquii	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie omr Dispose (Instr. 3, 4	d of (I	O)	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/22/2018		A <u>(1)</u>	124,800	A	\$ 0	1,075,178	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2018		F	49,109	D	\$ 100.54	1,026,069	D	
Common Stock	02/25/2018		M	12,022	A	<u>(2)</u>	1,038,091	D	
Common Stock	02/25/2018		F	4,449	D	\$ 100.84	1,033,642	D	
Common Stock							322,624	I	By Trust (Spouse, Trustee)

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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 or 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 An Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A O N
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 47.97	02/22/2018		A	27,375		02/22/2018	02/05/2024	Common Stock	4
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	02/25/2018		M		4,547	<u>(4)</u>	02/25/2025	Common Stock	
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	02/25/2018		M		7,475	<u>(5)</u>	02/25/2026	Common Stock	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
JOHNSON R MILTON ONE PARK PLAZA NASHVILLE, TN 37203	X		Chairman & CEO				

Signatures

/s/ Natalie Harrison Cline, Attorney-in-Fact 02/26/2018

**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).

On February 4, 2015, the reporting person was granted 62,400 performance share units. The performance share units were eligible to vest based on achievement of a cumulative earnings per share goal for fiscal years 2015-2017. The number of performance share units that

(1) were eligible to vest varied from zero (for actual performance less than 80% of target) to two times the units granted (for actual performance of 120% or more of target). Based upon the Company's achievement with respect to cumulative 2015-2017 earnings per share, the number of performance share units that vested equaled two times the units granted.

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- (2) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
 - On February 5, 2014, the reporting person was granted 182,500 stock appreciation rights. The stock appreciation rights were eligible to vest in equal increments of up to 25% at the end of fiscal years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 based upon the extent to which certain
- (3) EBITDA performance targets have been met for the applicable fiscal year. Based upon the Company's achievement with respect to the EBITDA performance criteria for 2017, 60% of the stock appreciation rights subject to such criteria vested, resulting in the vesting of 27,375 stock appreciation rights.
- (4) On February 25, 2015, the reporting person was granted 9,093 restricted stock units, vesting in two equal annual installments beginning on the second anniversary of the grant date.
- (5) On February 25, 2016, the reporting person was granted 14,950 restricted stock units, vesting in two equal annual installments beginning on the second anniversary of the grant date.

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