

VENTAS INC  
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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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**CAFARO DEBRA A**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
111 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE,  
SUITE 4800  
  
(Street)

CHICAGO,, IL 60606

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**VENTAS INC [VTR]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**07/30/2009**

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)  
**Chairman, President and CEO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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**

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	07/30/2009		S <sup>(2)</sup> (3)		700	D	\$ 35.38
Common Stock	07/30/2009		S <sup>(2)</sup> (3)		800	D	\$ 35.39
Common Stock	07/30/2009		S <sup>(2)</sup> (3)		600	D	\$ 35.4
Common Stock	07/30/2009		S <sup>(2)</sup> (3)		2,200	D	\$ 35.41
Common Stock	07/30/2009		S <sup>(2)</sup> (3)		1,800	D	\$ 35.42



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- (2) On July 30, 2009, the Reporting Person transmitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission a Form 144 covering the sale of the Issuer's common stock reported on Table I.
- (3) These shares are being sold pursuant to a written non-discretionary Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan dated August 8, 2008.
- (4) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 5,000 shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.
- (5) As of July 30, 2009, Reporting Person also directly and indirectly by trust owns options to purchase 691,107 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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