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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 Wood Brian K

(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)  
 02/22/2010

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)  
 SVP-Tax

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/22/2010		M		6,550	A	\$ 25.44	27,364.255	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,550	D	\$ 45.1	25,814.255	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>		500	D	\$ 45.12	25,314.255	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>		100	D	\$ 45.14	25,214.255	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>		400	D	\$ 45.15	24,814.255	D	

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Common Stock	02/22/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	400	D	\$ 45.17	24,414.255	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	600	D	\$ 45.171	23,814.255	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,000	D	\$ 45.21	22,814.255	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	500	D	\$ 45.25	22,314.255	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D	\$ 45.2509	22,214.255	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	300	D	\$ 45.251	21,914.255	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D	\$ 45.2534	21,814.255	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2010	S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,000	D	\$ 45.33	20,839.857 (2)	D	
Common Stock						2,527	I	By IRA

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.44	02/22/2010		M	6,550	01/21/2006 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/21/2015	Common Stock	6,550

