VENTAS INC Form 4 January 14, 2015

FORM 4

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

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading CAFARO DEBRA A Issuer Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR] (Check all applicable) (Middle) (Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 353 N. CLARK STREET, SUITE 01/12/2015 below) 3300 Chairman and 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 Form filed by More than One Reporting CHICAGO, IL 60654 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) (A) or Amount (D) Price			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	01/12/2015		M	9,848	A	\$ 28.96	14,848	I	By Trust	
Common Stock	01/12/2015		S(1)(2)	9,848	D	\$ 77.0067	5,000	I	By Trust	
Common Stock	01/13/2015		M	7,919	A	\$ 28.96	12,919	I	By Trust	
Common Stock	01/13/2015		S <u>(1)</u>	7,919	D	\$ 77	5,000 (3)	I	By Trust	
Common Stock							507,086	D		

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	onof Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		11 3
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.96	01/12/2015		M		9,848 (4)	01/21/2009	01/21/2019	Common Stock	9,848	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.96	01/13/2015		M		7,919 (4)	01/21/2009	01/21/2019	Common Stock	7,919	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
Treporting O When I wante / I wante of	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
CAFARO DEBRA A 353 N. CLARK STREET SUITE 3300 CHICAGO, IL 60654	X		Chairman and CEO					
Signatures								
Debra A. Cafaro, By: T. Richar Attorney-In-Fact		01/14/2015						

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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 January 12, 2015, The Debra A. Cafaro Insurance Trust (the "Trust")(of which Reporting Person's spouse is the trustee) transmitted to (1) the SEC a Form 144 covering the sale of the Issuer's common stock reported in Table I. The shares are being sold pursuant to a written non-discretionary 10b5-1(c) sales plan dated October 2, 2014 entered into by the Trust.
- The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold by the Trust in multiple transactions at prices ranging (2) from \$77.00 to \$77.05, inclusive. The Trust undertakes to provide Issuer, any security holder of Issuer or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote (2).
- (3) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 5,000 shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.
- (4) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 173,301 on January 21, 2009 by the Issuer to the Reporting Person (a portion of which was subsequently gifted to the Trust) that vested in three equal annual installments beginning on January 21, 2009.
- (5) As of January 13, 2015, Reporting Person owns options to purchase an aggregate of 1,056,527 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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