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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 *
 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)
 02/25/2011

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)
 Chief Acct. Off. & Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 or (D) Price		
Common Stock	02/25/2011		A		1,498 (1) \$ 0	D	
Common Stock	02/25/2011		F		165 (2) \$ 57.19	D	
Common Stock	02/26/2011		F		204 (3) \$ 57.19	D	
Common Stock	02/27/2011		F		836 (4) \$ 57.19	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)

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)	\$ 57.19	02/25/2011		A	2,987 (6)	02/25/2011 ⁽⁷⁾ 02/25/2021	Common Stock	2,987

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Chief Acct. Off. & Controller

Signatures

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

03/01/2011

**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"). These shares vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the date of grant.
- (2) Represents shares withheld to pay the taxes on the vesting of restricted stock granted on February 25, 2011 under the Plan.
- (3) Represents shares withheld to pay the taxes on the vesting of restricted stock granted on February 26, 2010 under the Plan.
- (4) Represents shares withheld to pay the taxes on the vesting of restricted stock granted on February 27, 2009 under the Plan.

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- (5) Includes 28,455 shares acquired between January 25, 2011 and February 28, 2011 under the Ventas Employee and Director Stock Purchase Plan.
- (6) Stock options granted by Issuer pursuant to the Plan.
- (7) These options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the date of grant.
- (8) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of February 27, 2011.

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