

VENTAS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)  
01/22/2008

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	01/22/2008		A		2,816 (1)	A	\$ 0 16,459.601 D
Common Stock	01/22/2008		A		2,760 (2)	A	\$ 0 19,219.601 D
Common Stock	01/22/2008		F		349 (3)	D	\$ 41.54 18,870.601 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)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.54	01/22/2008		A	12,999 (4)	01/22/2008 <sup>(5)</sup> 01/22/2018	Common Stock 12,999

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wood Brian K 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300 LOUISVILLE, KY 40223				SVP-Tax

## Signatures

Brian K. Wood, By: T. Richard Riney,  
Attorney-In-Fact  
Date: 01/24/2008

\*\*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) These shares represent restricted shares granted under the Ventas, Inc. 2006 Incentive Plan (the "Plan") on January 22, 2008. These shares vest in cumulative 1/5 annual installments beginning on January 22, 2009.
- (2) These shares represent restricted shares granted under the Plan on January 22, 2008. These shares vest in cumulative 1/3 annual installments beginning on January 22, 2008.
- (3) Represents shares withheld to pay taxes on the vesting of restricted stock granted on January 22, 2008 under the Plan.
- (4) These stock options represent stock options granted under the Plan on January 22, 2008.
- (5) These options vest in cumulative 1/3 annual installments beginning on January 22, 2008.

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(6) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of January 22, 2008.

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