

CAFARO DEBRA A
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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 *
CAFARO DEBRA A

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE,
SUITE 300

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/10/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

Chairman, President and CEO

(Street)
LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting 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)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	08/10/2005		M		65,000	A	\$ 6.75 581,041
Common Stock	08/10/2005		S(1)(2)		10,000	D	\$ 29.1 571,041
Common Stock	08/10/2005		S(1)(2)		200	D	\$ 29.15 570,841
Common Stock	08/10/2005		S(1)(2)		500	D	\$ 29.16 570,341
Common Stock	08/10/2005		S(1)(2)		500	D	\$ 29.35 569,841

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Common Stock	08/10/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	1,400	D	\$ 29.42	568,441	D
Common Stock	08/10/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	1,500	D	\$ 29.45	566,941	D
Common Stock	08/10/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	1,600	D	\$ 29.46	565,341	D
Common Stock	08/10/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	3,400	D	\$ 29.48	561,941	D
Common Stock	08/10/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	700	D	\$ 29.5	561,241	D
Common Stock	08/10/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 29.51	561,141	D
Common Stock	08/10/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	1,800	D	\$ 29.52	559,341	D
Common Stock	08/10/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 29.53	559,141	D
Common Stock	08/10/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 29.54	558,141	D
Common Stock	08/10/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	3,600	D	\$ 29.55	554,541	D
Common Stock	08/10/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	700	D	\$ 29.56	553,841	D
Common Stock	08/10/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	700	D	\$ 29.57	553,141	D
Common Stock	08/10/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	4,100	D	\$ 29.58	549,041	D
Common Stock	08/10/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	1,900	D	\$ 29.59	547,141	D
Common Stock	08/10/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	2,000	D	\$ 29.6	545,141	D
Common Stock	08/10/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	2,500	D	\$ 29.61	542,641	D
Common Stock	08/10/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	2,800	D	\$ 29.63	539,841	D
Common Stock	08/10/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	2,200	D	\$ 29.64	537,641	D
Common Stock	08/10/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	3,100	D	\$ 29.65	534,541	D
Common Stock	08/10/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	3,000	D	\$ 29.66	531,541	D
	08/10/2005	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	1,200	D		530,341	D

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Common Stock					\$			
					29.67			
Common Stock	08/10/2005		<u>S(1)(2)</u>	2,400	D	\$	527,941	D
						29.69		
Common Stock	08/10/2005		<u>S(1)(2)</u>	700	D	\$	527,241	D
						29.71		
Common Stock	08/10/2005		<u>S(1)(2)</u>	900	D	\$	526,341	D
						29.72		
Common Stock ⁽³⁾	08/10/2005		<u>S(1)(2)</u>	600	D	\$	525,741	D
						29.73		

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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.75	08/10/2005		M	65,000	01/22/2001 ⁽⁴⁾	01/22/2011	Common Stock	65,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CAFARO DEBRA A 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300 LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

Signatures

Debra A. Cafaro, By: T. Richard Riney ,
Attorney-In-Fact

08/12/2005

__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) On August 10, 2005, 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.
- (2) These shares are being sold pursuant to a written non-discretionary Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan dated July 6, 2005.
- (3) Please see subsequent Form 4 filing dated the date hereof which contains additional transactions which are part of one aggregate direction under the Rule 10b5-1 sales plan described in Footnote (2).
- (4) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 296,297 on January 22, 2001 by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in three equal installments on January 22, 2001, January 22, 2002 and January 22, 2003.
- (5) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by Ms. Cafaro as of August 10, 2005.

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