

WATERMAN ROBERT 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 *
WATERMAN ROBERT A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
ONE PARK PLAZA
 (Street)

NASHVILLE, TN 37203

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HCA INC/TN [(HCA)]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/26/2006

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 and General Counsel

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	(D)	Price
Common Stock	01/26/2006		A ⁽¹⁾		12,900	A	\$ 0
Common Stock					109	I	
							By 401(k)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 49.9	01/26/2006		A ⁽²⁾	12,925	⁽³⁾ 01/26/2016	Common Stock 12,925

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WATERMAN ROBERT A ONE PARK PLAZA NASHVILLE, TN 37203			SVP and General Counsel	

Signatures

By: /s/ Colleen E. Haley,
Attorney-in-Fact

01/30/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Restricted shares granted pursuant to the HCA 2005 Equity Incentive Plan which includes tax withholding rights. One-fifth of the restricted shares vest on each of the first, second, third, fourth and fifth anniversary of the date of grant (1/26/06).
- (2) Right to buy pursuant to the HCA 2005 Equity Incentive Plan which includes tax withholding rights.
- (3) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 26, 2007.

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