

VENTAS INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**RINEY T RICHARD**

(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)  
**01/27/2016**

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)  
EVP, Chief Admin. Off., GC

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/27/2016                           |  | A                              | 13,010 (1) \$ 0   | 141,613   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/27/2016                           |  | F                              | 1,522 (2) \$ 53.79  | 140,091   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/29/2016                           |  | F                              | 1,552 (3) \$ 55.32  | 138,539   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,300   | I  | By IRA                                     |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 70,000  | I  | By Spouse                                  |

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)                | \$ 53.79   | 01/27/2016                           |  | A                              | 29,702<br>(4)   | 01/27/2016 <sup>(5)</sup> 01/27/2026                     | Common Stock  | 29,702                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| RINEY T RICHARD<br>10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE<br>SUITE 300<br>LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223 |               |           | EVP, Chief Admin. Off., GC |       |

## Signatures

T. Richard Riney  
01/29/2016  
\*\*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. 2012 Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). This restricted stock vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the date of the grant.
- (2) Represents shares withheld to pay the taxes on the vesting of restricted stock granted on January 27, 2016 under the Plan.
- (3) Represents shares withheld to pay the taxes on the vesting of restricted stock granted on January 29, 2104 under the Plan.
- (4) Stock options granted by Issuer pursuant to the Plan.

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(5) These options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the date of the grant.

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