RUTHERFORD BILL B

Form 4

January 04, 2005

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RUTHERFORD BILL B			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HCA INC/TN [(HCA)]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)			
ONE PARK PLAZA			(Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2005	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) CFO - Eastern Group			
(Street) NASHVILLE, TN 37203			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/31/2004		J(1) V	331	A	\$ 0	37,588	D	
Common Stock	01/01/2005		A(2)	1,038	A	\$ 0	38,626	D	
Common Stock	01/01/2005		F	296	D	\$ 39.96	38,330	D	
Common Stock							1,093	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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					Exercisable	Date	Title Number				
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RUTHERFORD BILL B ONE PARK PLAZA NASHVILLE, TN 37203

CFO - Eastern Group

Signatures

By: /s/ John M. Franck II, Attorney-in-Fact

01/04/2005

**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).
- Ongoing acquisition of common stock from 1/1/2004 to 12/31/2004 under the HCA Employee Stock Purchase Plan and including **(1)** dividend reinvestment of shares.
- Pursuant to the HCA 1995 Management Stock Purchase Plan, which includes tax withholding rights, shares acquired at a 25% discount (\$29.08) and subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan.

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