STEELE JOHN M Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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SECURITIES

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See Instruction

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STEELE JOHN M		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (Fi	irst) (Middle)	HCA INC/TN [(HCA)] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
ONE PARK PLAZ	ZA	(Month/Day/Year) 01/27/2005	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP - Human Resources			
(Str	reet)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
NASHVILLE, TN	37203		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	rities 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/27/2005		A	7,500 (1)	A	\$ 0	22,982	D	
Common Stock	01/29/2005		F	308	D	\$ 44.62	22,674	D	
Common Stock							607 (2)	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 44.74	01/27/2005		A(3)	7,500	<u>(4)</u>	01/27/2015	Common Stock	7,50

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STEELE JOHN M ONE PARK PLAZA NASHVILLE, TN 37203

SVP - Human Resources

Signatures

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

01/31/2005

**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) Restricted shares granted pursuant to the HCA 2000 Equity Incentive Plan which includes tax withholding rights. One-third of the restricted shares vest on each of January 27, 2008, January 27, 2009 and January 27, 2010.
- (2) Between October 1 and December 31, 2004, the reporting person acquired 30 shares of HCA common stock under the HCA 401(k) Plan. Plan share amounts reflected are an estimate based on unit accounting and a December 31, 2004 value of \$39.96 per share.
- (3) Right to buy pursuant to the HCA 2000 Equity Incentive Plan which includes tax withholding rights.
- (4) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 27, 2006.

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