

GELLERT JAY M  
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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 \*  
GELLERT JAY M

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)  
21650 OXNARD ST., 22ND FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/01/2012

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

(Street)  
WOODLAND HILLS,, CA 91367

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

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)
Common Stock	01/01/2012		A	(A) or (D) Amount 453.474 (1)	\$ 55.13 58,699.596	D	
Common Stock	01/01/2012		A	(A) or (D) Amount 1,028 (2)	\$ 0 60,084.186 (3) (4)	D	

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)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 55.13	01/01/2012		A	5,000 (5)	01/01/2012 <sup>(6)</sup> 01/01/2022	Common Stock 5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GELLERT JAY M 21650 OXNARD ST., 22ND FLOOR WOODLAND HILLS,, CA 91367	X			

## Signatures

Jay M. Gellert, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact  
Date: 01/04/2012

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) Common stock in the form of Units granted under the Ventas Nonemployee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan (the "Plan") in lieu of Director fees pursuant to the Director's deferral election. Such Units are payable solely in common stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the Director's deferral election and the Plan.

(2) Restricted Stock Units granted by Issuer pursuant to the Ventas, Inc. 2006 Stock Plan for Directors (the "Stock Plan"). Such Units are payable solely in common stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the Director's deferral election and the Stock Plan. These Restricted Stock Units vest in two equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

(3) Includes 150.328 Units acquired on December 30, 2011 under the Plan as a result of dividend equivalents credited with respect to the dividend on Issuer's common stock paid on December 30, 2011.

(4) Includes 206.262 shares acquired on December 30, 2011 under the Ventas, Inc. Distribution Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.

(5) Stock options granted by Issuer pursuant to the Stock Plan.

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

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(7) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of January 1, 2012.

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