

Sowell Joseph A III
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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 *
 Sowell Joseph A III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HCA Holdings, Inc. [HCA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/25/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP; Chief Development Officer

NASHVILLE, TN 37203
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/25/2013 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 2,627 A \$ 0 | 4,678 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 8,000 | I | By Trust (Reporting Person, Trustee) |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 22.95 | 02/26/2013 | | A | 15,625 | 02/26/2013 02/08/2022 | Common Stock 15,625 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Sowell Joseph A III ONE PARK PLAZA NASHVILLE, TN 37203 | | | SVP; Chief Development Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Natalie Harrison Cline,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/27/2013

**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) Represents common stock underlying 2,627 restricted share units which shall vest in two equal installments on the second and third anniversaries of the grant date.

On February 8, 2012, the reporting person was granted 62,500 stock appreciation rights. The stock appreciation rights are eligible to vest in equal increments of up to 25% at the end of fiscal years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 based upon the extent to which certain EBITDA

(2) performance targets have been met for the applicable fiscal year. Based upon the Company's achievement with respect to the EBITDA performance criteria for 2012, 100% of the stock appreciation rights subject to such criteria vested, resulting in the vesting of 15,625 stock appreciation rights.

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