

RUTHERFORD BILL B
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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)
ONE PARK PLAZA

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/27/2005

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

CFO - Eastern Group

(Street)
NASHVILLE, TN 37203

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount or Price (A) or (D)				
Common Stock	01/27/2005		A		10,000 (1)	A	\$ 0 48,330	D	
Common Stock	01/29/2005		F		755	D	\$ 44.62 47,575	D	
Common Stock							1,095 (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)

Table with columns: 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), 8. Amount or Number of Shares. Row: Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy), \$ 44.74, 01/27/2005, A(3), 10,025, (4), 01/27/2015, Common Stock, 10,000.

Reporting Owners

Table with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Row: RUTHERFORD BILL B, ONE PARK PLAZA, NASHVILLE, TN 37203, CFO - Eastern Group.

Signatures

By: /s/ John M. Franck II, Attorney-in-Fact, 01/31/2005, 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 2 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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