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(Print or Type	Responses)									
1. Name and A LEWIS RA	2. Issuer Name an Symbol VENTAS INC [5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	(First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest T	-		(Check all applicable)					
10350 ORN SUITE 300	MSBY PARK PLACE,	(Month/Day/Year) 06/01/2007	-				Director10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Ex.VP.Chief Investment Officer			
	(Street)	4. If Amendment, D Filed(Month/Day/Yea	-	l		 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 				
	LE, KY 40223					Person		porting		
(City)	(State) (Zip)				_	iired, Disposed of,		-		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. De (Month/Day/Year) Executi any (Month	on Date, if Transacti Code /Day/Year) (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or(A) or Dia (Instr. 3, 4	sposed of 4 and 5) (A) or	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	0.6.101.10005	Code V		(D)	Price \$		D			
Stock	06/01/2007	М	25,000	Δ	13.41	60,026	D			
Common Stock	06/01/2007	М	10,000	А	\$ 11.2	70,026	D			
Common Stock	06/01/2007	S	14,200	D	\$ 41.92	55,826	D			
Common Stock	06/01/2007	S	800	D	\$ 41.93	55,026	D			
Common Stock	06/01/2007	S	18,900	D	\$ 41.95	36,126	D			

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Common Stock	06/01/2007	S	400	D	\$ 41.96 35,726	D
Common Stock	06/01/2007	S	100	D	\$ 41.97 35,626	D
Common Stock	06/01/2007	S	100	D	\$ 41.98 35.526	D
Common Stock	06/01/2007	S	500	D	\$ 42.35 35,026	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Derivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.41	06/01/2007		М	25,000	09/30/2003 <u>(1)</u>	09/30/2012	Common Stock	25,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.2	06/01/2007		М	10,000	01/30/2004(2)	01/30/2013	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Maine / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LEWIS RAYMOND J 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300 LOUISVILLE, KY 40223			Ex.VP.Chief Investment Officer				

Signatures

Raymond J. Lewis, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact

06/05/2007

**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) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 25,000 on September 30, 2002 by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in three equal installments on September 30, 2003, September 30, 2004 and September 30, 2005.
- (2) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 10,000 on January 30, 2003 by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in three equal installments on January 30, 2004, January 30, 2005 and January 30, 2006.

(3) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of June 1, 2007.

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