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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PASQUALE DOUGLAS M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol					ng	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			VENTAS INC [VTR] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction			(Check all applicable)						
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)				ansaction			X Director	10%	Owner	
353 N. CLARK STREET, SUITE 3300			(Month/Day/Year) 05/21/2013						title Other below)			
	(Street)		4. If Ame	ndment,	, Da	te Original	1		6. Individual or Jo	oint/Group Filin	g(Check	
CHICAGO,,	Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting						
									Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - No	n-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year) Execution any	med in Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (Instr.		4. Securit or(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	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)		
Common Stock	05/21/2013			M	·	5,000	A		94,568	D		
Common Stock	05/21/2013			F		3,709 (1)	D	\$ 82.93	90,859	D		
Common Stock									4,326	I	By IRA	

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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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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)	
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 48.6	05/21/2013	M	5,000	12/31/2011(2)	02/15/2021	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
PASQUALE DOUGLAS M 353 N. CLARK STREET, SUITE 3300 CHICAGO,, IL 60654	X					

Signatures

Douglas M. Pasquale, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact

05/23/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents shares withheld to cover the exercise price and taxes due in connection with the exercise of stock options on May 21, 2013.
- (2) These options were assumed by Issuer in connection with its acquisition of Nationwide Health Properties, Inc. on July 1, 2011 and vested on December 31, 2011.
- (3) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of May 21, 2013.

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