

Sowell Joseph A III
 Form 4
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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

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

NASHVILLE, TN 37203

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/26/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/26/2018		M ⁽¹⁾		35,150	A	\$ 7.7	40,536	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2018		M ⁽¹⁾		23,025	A	\$ 13.2542	63,561	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2018		S ⁽¹⁾		58,175	D	\$ 95	5,386	D	
Common Stock								8,000	I	By Trust (Reporting Person, Trustee)

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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)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.7 ⁽²⁾	01/26/2018		M ⁽¹⁾	35,150	⁽³⁾ 02/10/2020	Common Stock 35
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.2542 ⁽²⁾	01/26/2018		M ⁽¹⁾	23,025	02/10/2012 02/10/2020	Common Stock 23

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 01/30/2018

__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) The option exercises and sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (2) Exercise Price was adjusted to reflect a 4.505 to 1 stock split that occurred with respect to the Issuer's common stock effective March 9, 2011.

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- One-third of the option vested on February 10, 2013 and the remainder vested upon a change in control (as defined in the 2006 Stock Incentive Plan for Key Employees of HCA Holdings, Inc. and its Affiliates as Amended and Restated) of the Issuer which occurred effective November 1, 2013.
- (3)
- (4) Shares have been adjusted to reflect a 4.505 to 1 stock split that occurred with respect to the Issuer's common stock effective March 9, 2011.

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