

Shelton Clarence A III  
 Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Shelton Clarence A III			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ADCARE HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [ADK]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2011		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Former COO	
1120 SHANNON LYNN SHORES  (Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  (check applicable line)	
TALLEDEGA, AL 35160  (City) (State) (Zip)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person			

**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)  (A) or (D) Amount Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
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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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 5)
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Derivative Security	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 3 and 4)							
	(A) (D)	Date	Expiration	Title	Amount				
		Exercisable	Date		or				
					Number				
					of				
					Shares				

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Shelton Clarence A III 1120 SHANNON LYNN SHORES TALLEDEGA, AL 35160	^	^	^	Former COO

## Signatures

Carol Groeber for Clarence Shelton by power of attorney 02/15/2012

\_\_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).
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