

ERICKSON DAVID W
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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 *
ERICKSON DAVID W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC. [WCG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC., 8725 HENDERSON ROAD, REN 1

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
06/07/2006

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP & CIO

TAMPA, FL 33634

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	06/07/2006		M		4,687 A \$ 30.32	D	
Common Stock	06/07/2006		S		4,687 D \$ 47.4371	D	
Common Stock	06/07/2006		S		1,838 D \$ 47.4371	D	

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.32	06/07/2006		M	4,687	02/21/2005 ⁽¹⁾ 02/21/2015	Common Stock	4,687

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ERICKSON DAVID W
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TAMPA, FL 33634

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Signatures

/s/ Michael Haber,
Attorney-in-fact

06/08/2006

**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).

On February 22, 2004, the Reporting Person was awarded an option to acquire 15,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock. The option (1) vests 25% upon the first anniversary of the date of the Reporting Person's date of hire (February 21, 2005) and on a monthly pro rata basis over the following thirty-six months.

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