

Sassi Brian A
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Sassi Brian A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

120 MONUMENT CIRCLE

(Street)

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
WELLPOINT INC [WLP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/02/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

President & CEO Cons, EVP

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/02/2009		F ⁽¹⁾	594 D	\$ 30.1	13,042	D
Common Stock	03/02/2009		A	27,686 ⁽²⁾	A \$ 0	40,728	D
Common Stock					8,778 ⁽³⁾	I	Stock units held in 401(k) plan

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. 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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.1	03/02/2009		A	115,357	(4) 03/02/2016	Common Stock 115,357

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Sassi Brian A 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204	President & CEO Cons, EVP

Signatures

Kathleen S. Kiefer,
Attorney-in-fact
03/04/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- (1) Payment of tax liability by withholding stock incident to the vesting of previously granted restricted stock.
- (2) Represents restricted share units. Restrictions lapse on 9,228 shares on 3/2/10, and 9,229 shares each on 3/2/11 and 3/2/12.
- (3) The information in this report is based on the plan trustees calculation of units held, as of January 30, 2009.
- (4) Exercisable in five installments of 19,226 each on 9/2/09, 3/2/10, 9/2/10, 3/2/11 and 9/2/11, and one installment of 19,227 on 3/2/12.

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