

MAGELLAN HEALTH SERVICES INC
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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 *
 WEST JEFFREY N

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MAGELLAN HEALTH SERVICES INC [MGLN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 14100 MAGELLAN PLAZA
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/20/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP & Controller

MARYLAND
 HEIGHTS, MO 63043

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8.
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽³⁾	\$ 38.2	03/20/2006	A		10,000		<u>(1)</u>	03/20/2016	Ordinary Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WEST JEFFREY N 14100 MAGELLAN PLAZA MARYLAND HEIGHTS, MO 63043			SVP & Controller	

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey N. West
03/22/2006
Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Options vest and become exercisable in 33.3% increments on each of March 20, 2007, 2008 and 2009.
- (2) No price was applicable to the acquisition of this security.

- (3) Options issued pursuant to the Issuer's previous commitment to grant options to offset shortened exercise period of options exercised by Mr. West on January 5, 2006. Such exercised options had been previously amended to shorten the term thereof to address the requirements of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code.

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