

MOLINA HEALTHCARE INC
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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RICHARDSON SALLY K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MOLINA HEALTHCARE INC [MOH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 2277 FAIR OAKS BOULEVARD,
 SUITE 440
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/03/2006

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

SACRAMENTO, CA 95825

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 05/03/2006 | | A | 5,000 | A \$ 0 17,000 | D | |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.98 | | | | | (2) 01/01/2013 | Common Stock 8,000 | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 25.33 | | | | | (2) 02/10/2014 | Common Stock 4,000 | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RICHARDSON SALLY K
2277 FAIR OAKS BOULEVARD, SUITE 440 X
SACRAMENTO, CA 95825

Signatures

Sally K. Richardson, by Jeff D. Barlow,
Attorney-in-Fact.

05/05/2006

__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).

(1) Grant of stock under issuer's 2002 Equity Incentive Plan in connection with services as director, with one quarter of the 5,000 shares to vest on each of June 30, 2006, September 30, 2006, December 31, 2006, and March 31, 2007.

(2) The options are exercisable immediately.

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