

Bereday Thaddeus
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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 *
Bereday Thaddeus

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/20/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr. VP, General Counsel

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TAMPA, FL 33634

(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 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 | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | |
| Common Stock | 11/04/2005 | | G | V | 500 | D | \$ 0 0 | D | |
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| Common Stock | 12/20/2005 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 66 | D | \$ 41.46 | 9,834 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2005 | | S | | 12 | D | \$ 41.43 | 9,822 | D |
| | 12/20/2005 | | S | | 66 | D | \$ 41.4 | 9,756 | D |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|-------|---|
| Common Stock | | | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2005 | S | 215 | D | \$ 41.38 | 9,541 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2005 | S | 6 | D | \$ 41.37 | 9,535 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2005 | S | 18 | D | \$ 41.36 | 9,517 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2005 | S | 42 | D | \$ 41.35 | 9,475 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2005 | S | 6 | D | \$ 41.34 | 9,469 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2005 | S | 72 | D | \$ 41.33 | 9,397 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2005 | S | 30 | D | \$ 41.32 | 9,367 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2005 | S | 78 | D | \$ 41.31 | 9,289 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2005 | S | 1,033 | D | \$ 41.3 | 8,256 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2005 | S | 6 | D | \$ 41.27 | 8,250 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2005 | S | 16 | D | \$ 41.26 | 8,234 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2005 | S | 834 | D | \$ 41.25 | 7,400 | D |

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|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|---------|---|
| Common Stock | | | | | | 254,844 | I |
|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|---------|---|

Thaddeus Bereday & Robert H Waltuch Trustees Thaddeus Bereday 2005 Short Term Trust (2)

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) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bereday Thaddeus
C/O WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC.
8725 HENDERSON ROAD
TAMPA, FL 33634

Sr. VP, General Counsel

Signatures

/s/ Thaddeus Bereday,
Attorney-in-fact

12/22/2005

__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) Planned sale pursuant to the Reporting Person's Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- (2) In December 2005 the Reporting Person transferred 254,844 shares of the Issuer's common stock into an irrevocable short term trust of which the Reporting Person is a co-trustee.

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