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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	n(A) or D	Securities Acquired) or Disposed of (D) astr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common	00/01/0010	Code V	Amount	, ,	Price	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	D	
Stock	09/01/2012	M <u>(1)</u>	764	A	\$ 0	3,096	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2012	M(2)	1,037	A	\$ 0	4,133	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2012	F	248 (3)	D	\$ 57.61	3,885	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2012	F	337 (4)	D	\$ 57.61	3,548	D	

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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	e any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired		Derivative urities uired or posed of tr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day)	Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pr Deriv Secu (Instr		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>	09/01/2012		M		764	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	764	\$
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>	09/01/2012		M		1,037	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	1,037	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Thomas Jesse C/O WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC. 8725 HENDERSON ROAD, REN. 1 TAMPA, FL 33634

President, South Division

Signatures

/s/ Michael Haber,

Attorney-in-fact 09/06/2012

**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) Vesting of restricted stock units granted to the Reporting Person on October 18, 2010.
- (2) Vesting of restricted stock units granted to the Reporting Person on March 24, 2011.

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- (3) Forfeiture of shares to satisfy tax obligations related to restricted stock units that were granted to the Reporting Person on October 18, 2010 and vested on September 1, 2012.
- (4) Forfeiture of shares to satisfy tax obligations related to restricted stock units that were granted to the Reporting Person on March 24, 2011 and vested on September 1, 2012.
- (5) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of WCG common stock.
- The restricted stock units vest as to approximately 50% on September 1, 2011 and approximately 50% on September 1, 2012. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person upon vest.
- (7) The restricted stock units vest as to approximately 50% on September 1, 2012 and approximately 50% on September 1, 2013. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person upon vest.

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