

Hodgin Ace
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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 *
Hodgin Ace

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, Chief Medical Officer

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
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/15/2005		M		25,000 A \$ 17	27,841	D
Common Stock	12/20/2005		S ⁽¹⁾		658 D \$ 41.46	27,183	D
Common Stock	12/20/2005		S		120 D \$ 41.43	27,063	D
Common Stock	12/20/2005		S		659 D \$ 41.4	26,404	D
	12/20/2005		S		2,156 D	24,248	D

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Common Stock					\$ 41.38		
Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	60	D	\$ 41.37	24,188	D
Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	179	D	\$ 41.36	24,009	D
Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	419	D	\$ 41.35	23,590	D
Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	60	D	\$ 41.34	23,530	D
Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	719	D	\$ 41.33	22,812	D
Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	299	D	\$ 41.32	22,513	D
Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	778	D	\$ 41.31	21,735	D
Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	10,333	D	\$ 41.3	11,402	D
Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	60	D	\$ 41.27	11,342	D
Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	158	D	\$ 41.26	11,184	D
Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	8,343	D	\$ 41.25	2,841	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Employee
Stock
Option
(right to
buy)

\$ 17

12/15/2005

M

25,000

08/05/2004

08/05/2014

Common
Stock

55,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hodgin Ace C/O WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC. 8725 HENDERSON ROAD TAMPA, FL 33634			Sr. VP, Chief Medical Officer	

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.

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