

CARDINAL HEALTH INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**SLUSSER ERIC**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 7000 CARDINAL PLACE  
 (Street)

DUBLIN, OH 43017

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**CARDINAL HEALTH INC [CAH]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/15/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP, CAO & Controller

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 Shares	08/15/2006		A	3,301 A	9,287	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)**

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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 or Value of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)
Option (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 57.93					<sup>(4)</sup> 05/31/2012	Common Shares	39,200
Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 66.34	08/15/2006		A	1	<sup>(5)</sup> 08/15/2013	Common Shares	23,108 <sup>(6)</sup>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SLUSSER ERIC 7000 CARDINAL PLACE DUBLIN, OH 43017			EVP, CAO & Controller	

## Signatures

Eric Slusser                      08/17/2006  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 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) Restricted share unit award granted under the Cardinal Health, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended. Award granted without payment by grantee and vests in three equal annual installments beginning on 8/15/2007.
  - (2) Stock option granted pursuant to the Cardinal Health, Inc. Equity Incentive Plan.
  - (3) Stock option granted pursuant to the Cardinal Health, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended.
  - (4) Stock option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on 5/31/2006.
  - (5) Stock option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on 8/15/2007.
  - (6) Stock option granted without payment by grantee.

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