

Cunningham Alexander R.
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FORM 4

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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 *
Cunningham Alexander R.

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)
03/01/2012

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

C/O WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC., 8725 HENDERSON ROAD, REN. 1

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/01/2012		M	13,600 A \$ 36.45	44,722	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2012		F	8,176 (1) D \$ 68.07	36,546	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 36.45	03/01/2012		M	13,600	(2) (2)	Common Stock	13,600

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Cunningham Alexander R. C/O WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC. 8725 HENDERSON ROAD, REN. 1 TAMPA, FL 33634	X		Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Michael Haber,
Attorney-in-fact
Date: 03/02/2012

**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) Forfeiture of shares to satisfy exercise cost and tax obligations related to options that were exercised on March 1, 2012.
- (2) The option vested as to 25% on each one-year anniversary of the date of grant and were scheduled to expire on July 27, 2012.

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