

HCI Group, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
January 11, 2017

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)**

**of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (or Date of Earliest Event Reported): January 7, 2017**

**HCI Group, Inc.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)**

<b>Florida</b> <b>(State or Other Jurisdiction</b>	<b>001-34126</b> <b>(Commission</b>	<b>20-5961396</b> <b>(I.R.S. Employer</b>
<b>of Incorporation or Organization)</b>	<b>File Number)</b> <b>5300 West Cypress Street, Suite 100</b>	<b>Identification Number)</b>

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**Tampa, Florida 33607**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**(813) 849-9500**

**(Telephone Number, Including Area Code)**

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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On January 7, 2017, the compensation committee of our board of directors awarded our chief executive officer, Paresh Patel, 40,000 restricted common shares and options to purchase 110,000 of our common shares at an exercise price of \$40 per share. Both the restricted shares and the options vest in equal annual installments over four years, so long as Mr. Patel remains employed by the company. The options will expire on January 7, 2027. The awards were made pursuant to the HCI Group, Inc. 2012 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

In the opinion of the compensation committee, a combination of restricted shares and stock purchase options vesting over four years best aligned Mr. Patel's equity compensation with the long-term success of the company and shareholder returns.

To assist in determining compensation to Mr. Patel and our other executive officers, particularly in understanding market compensation practices and levels, the compensation committee engaged the services of Willis Towers Watson, a leading compensation advisory firm.

The foregoing summary of the equity awards does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the full text of restricted stock award contract and the nonqualified stock option agreement appearing respectively as exhibit 99.1 and 99.2 to this Form 8-K.

**Item 5.02 Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

The matters discussed in Item 1.01 are hereby incorporated into this Item 5.02.

**Item 9.01 Exhibits**

- Exhibit 99.1 Restricted Stock Award Contract
- Exhibit 99.2 Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: January 10, 2017.

HCI GROUP, INC.

BY: /s/ Richard R. Allen

Name: Richard R. Allen

Title: Chief Financial Officer

A signed original of this Form 8-K has been provided to HCI Group, Inc. and will be retained by HCI Group, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.