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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement WELLPOINT INC [WLP] STOCKER MICHAEL A (Month/Day/Year) 12/28/2005 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Director 10% Owner _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer _ Other Person INDIANAPOLIS, INÂ 46204 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock $74,866 \frac{(1)}{2}$ Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

 $Table\ II\ -\ Derivative\ Securities\ Beneficially\ Owned\ (\textit{e.g.},\ puts,\ calls,\ warrants,\ options,\ convertible\ securities)$

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	•		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect		

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	11/07/2013	Common Stock	162,960	\$ 30.7	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	09/22/2014	Common Stock	181,367	\$ 36.54	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
STOCKER MICHAEL A 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204	Â	Â	EVP	Â		

Signatures

Nancy L. Purcell, Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Includes 30,000 shares issued pursuant to a restricted stock award on December 28, 2005.
- (2) The options are vested with respect to 113,166 shares; the remaining 49,794 options vest in equal monthly installments on the 7th day of the month through November 7, 2006.
- (3) The options are vested with respect to 75,569 shares; the remaining 105,798 options vest in equal monthly installments on the 22nd day of the month through September 22, 2007.

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