PROASSURANCE CORP
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CROWE A DERRILL MD

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION, 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE

(Street)

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
PROASSURANCE CORP [PRA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/13/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) __X__ Other (specify below)
Chairman / Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/13/2004		G	V	2,240 (1)	D	(1)	342,917	D	
Common Stock								499,044	I	IRA-Sterne Agee & Leach
Common Stock								78,866	I	IRA-Morgan Stanley (2)
Common Stock								11,742 (3)	I	ProAssurance Group Savings and Retirement

										Plan [401(k)]
Common Stock							1,224	I	Spouse
Common Stock							1,162,791	I	Crowe Family Partners, Ltd.
Common Stock	12/13/2004		G	V	2,240 (1)	A	(1)	49,168	I	Trusts for the benefit of the reporting person's minor children

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)	$ 33.28							09/10/2004(4)	09/10/2014	Common Stock	50,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 22							09/04/2003(5)	03/04/2013	Common Stock	40,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 16.8							07/15/2002(6)	01/15/2012	Common Stock	60,000

Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 24.68	06/20/2001	12/02/2007	Common Stock	109,341 (7)	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CROWE A DERRILL MD C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811	X		Chairman	Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

Frank B. O'Neil, Attorney-in-Fact for the Reporting Person	12/14/2004
**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) Shares given to Trusts FBO the reporting person's minor children

(2) IRA formerly held at Smith Barney. Acount transfer effective 12/13/04

(3) These shares were allocated prior to August 29, 2002 and were exempt under Rule 16b-3

(4) The options vest in five equal installments commencing on September 10, 2004

(5) The options vest in five equal installments commencing on September 4, 2003

(6) The options vest in five equal installments commencing on July 15, 2002

(7) On June 27, 2001, in connection with the consolidation of Medical Assurance, Inc. and Professionals Group, Inc. under the ownership of ProAssurance Corporations (NYSE:PRA), each share of Medical Assurance, Inc. common stock was converted into one share of ProAssurance Corporation common stock, and each option to purchase Medical Assurance, Inc. common stock was converted into one option to purchase ProAssurance Corporation common stock. The acquisitions reported herein reflect shares of ProAssurance Corporation common stock and stock options acquired beneficially by the reporting person in exchange for the surrender of shares and stock options owned beneficially in Medical Assurance, Inc. The acquisition of ProAssurance Corporation shares and options reported herein is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act, as amended (the "Act"), by virtue of Rule 16b-3(d) promulgated under the Act.

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