

WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC.

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 *
Farha Todd S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

TAMPA, FL 33634

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC. [WCG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
06/06/2005

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)
President, CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	06/06/2005		A		220,000 (1)	A	\$ 0
					1,706,028	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	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 Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.95	06/06/2005		A	220,000	(2) 06/06/2012		Common Stock	220,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Farha Todd S C/O WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC. 8725 HENDERSON ROAD TAMPA, FL 33634	X		President, CEO	

Signatures

Michael Haber,
attorney-in-fact
06/08/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Vests as to 25% on each of the second, third, fourth and fifth anniversaries of the date of grant.

(2) Vests as to 50% on the second anniversary of the date of grant and as to 25% on the third and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.

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