

WELLPOINT INC
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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 *
HELWIG DAVID S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

120 MONUMENT CIRCLE

(Street)

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WELLPOINT INC [WLP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/18/2006

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)
EVP

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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		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	08/18/2006		M		91,436	A	\$ 27.55	146,491.4645	D	Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	08/18/2006		S		45,000	D	\$ 76.29	101,491.4645	D	Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	08/18/2006		S		19,936	D	\$ 76.25	81,555.4645	D	Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	08/18/2006		S		7,000	D	\$ 76.32	74,555.4645	D	Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	08/18/2006		S		8,500	D	\$ 76.4	66,055.4645	D	Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	08/18/2006		S		2,000	D		64,055.4645	D	Indirect Beneficial Ownership

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Common Stock						\$ 76.42		
Common Stock	08/18/2006	S	2,000	D	\$ 76.49	62,055.4645	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2006	S	2,500	D	\$ 76.5	59,555.4645	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2006	S	2,000	D	\$ 76.55	57,555.4645	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2006	S	1,500	D	\$ 76.58	56,055.4645	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 76.6	55,055.4645	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.55	08/18/2006		M	91,436	(1) 02/04/2013	Common Stock	91,436	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HELWIG DAVID S 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204			EVP	

Signatures

Nancy Purcell,
Attorney-in-fact

08/21/2006

__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) 47,534 options vested on 8/15/05 and 43,902 options vested on 2/5/06.

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