

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Lucchese John Joseph

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC  
 [KND]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 680 SOUTH FOURTH STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/10/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 V.P. Finance and Corp. Cont.

LOUISVILLE, KY 40202  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	08/10/2005		A		1,588 (1)	A	\$ 0 7,636 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 (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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.14	08/10/2005		A	708	08/10/2006 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/10/2012	Common Stock	708
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.14	08/10/2005		A	4,001	08/10/2006 <sup>(3)</sup> 08/10/2012	Common Stock	4,001

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lucchese John Joseph 680 SOUTH FOURTH STREET LOUISVILLE, KY 40202			V.P. Finance and Corp. Cont.	

## Signatures

John J. Lucchese                      08/12/2005

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\*\*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) These shares represent restricted stock granted to the reporting person. These shares vest in equal annual installments over four years commencing on 8/10/06.
- (2) This option becomes exercisable in the following installment: 708 on 8/10/06.
- (3) This option becomes exercisable in the following cumulative installments: 469 on 8/10/06, 1,177 on 8/10/07, 1,177 on 8/10/08 and 1,178 on 8/10/09.

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