

AMERICAN HEALTHWAYS INC  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Â RIGBY ALISON TAUNTON  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/11/2005  
 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN HEALTHWAYS INC [AMHC]  
 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O AMERICAN HEALTHWAYS,Â 3841 GREEN HILLS VILLAGE DRIVE  
 (Street)

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
 (give title below) (specify below)

NASHVILLE,Â TNÂ 37215  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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 Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option to Buy	11/11/2007	11/11/2015	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 41.54	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RIGBY ALISON TAUNTON C/O AMERICAN HEALTHWAYS 3841 GREEN HILLS VILLAGE DRIVE NASHVILLE, TN 37215	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Mary A. Chaput, by power of attorney for Alison Taunton-Rigby

11/21/2005

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).

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