

WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, 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 *
 Ghanayem Darren

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC., 8735 HENDERSON ROAD, REN 2

(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)
 02/06/2017

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)
 SVP, Chief Information Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	02/06/2017		A	1,277	(2) (2)	Common Stock 1,277	\$
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	02/06/2017		A	5,457	(3) (3)	Common Stock 5,457	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ghanayem Darren C/O WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC. 8735 HENDERSON ROAD, REN 2 TAMPA, FL 33634			SVP, Chief Information Officer	

Signatures

Michael Haber, 02/08/2017
 Attorney-in-fact

**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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of WCG common stock.
 The vesting of these restricted stock units, which were granted to the Reporting Person on April 18, 2016, was subject to achievement of performance goals for the 2016 performance period to comply with Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m), as well as continued service through the applicable vesting date. On February 6, 2017, the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors certified that the applicable performance goals had been achieved. As a result, the restricted stock units only remain subject to continued service through the applicable vesting date and vest in approximately equal installments on March 1, 2017, March 1, 2018 and March 1, 2019. Vested shares will be delivered to the Reporting Person upon vest.
- (3) The vesting of these restricted stock units, which were granted to the Reporting Person on April 18, 2016, was subject to achievement of performance goals for the 2016 performance period to comply with Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m), as well as continued service through the applicable vesting date. On February 6, 2017, the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors certified that the applicable performance goals had been achieved. As a result, the restricted stock units only remain subject to continued service through the applicable vesting date and vest in approximately equal installments on April 18, 2017, April 18, 2018, April 18, 2019 and

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April 18, 2020. Vested shares will be delivered to the Reporting Person upon vest.

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