

HealthMarkets, Inc.
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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 *
MCCARTY C JACK

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2301 W PLANO
PARKWAY, SUITE 300

(Street)

PLANO, TX 75075

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HealthMarkets, Inc. [N/A]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/11/2006

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)
Division Manager

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) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (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)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Stock Option | \$ 11.4 | 04/11/2006 | | D ⁽¹⁾ | | | | 6,000 | 12/08/2002 | 01/07/2007 | Class A-1 Common Stock | 6,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 9.25 | 04/11/2006 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | | | 5,535 | 12/08/2002 | 01/07/2007 | Class A-1 Common Stock | 5,535 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MCCARTY C JACK 2301 W PLANO PARKWAY SUITE 300 PLANO, TX 75075 | | | Division Manager | |

Signatures

C. Jack McCarty By /s/ Peggy G. Simpson,
POA 07/07/2006

__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) The two reported transactions involved an amendment to an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The exercise price of the original option (\$11.40) and the number of Class A-1 common shares issuable upon exercise of such option (6,000) were adjusted in a manner that preserves the aggregate "in the money" value of the option. The option otherwise remains subject in all respects to the terms of the 1987 Restated and Amended Stock Option Plan.

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