WELLPOINT INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **HELWIG DAVID S**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

WELLPOINT INC [WLP]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director

10% Owner _ Other (specify

120 MONUMENT CIRCLE

08/18/2006

X_ Officer (give title below) below) **EVP**

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	or Indirect (Instr. 4) (I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	08/18/2006		M	91,436	A	\$ 27.55	146,491.4645	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2006		S	45,000	D	\$ 76.29	101,491.4645	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2006		S	19,936	D	\$ 76.25	81,555.4645	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2006		S	7,000	D	\$ 76.32	74,555.4645	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2006		S	8,500	D	\$ 76.4	66,055.4645	D	
	08/18/2006		S	2,000	D		64,055.4645	D	

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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		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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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	<u>(1)</u>	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				

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Signatures

Nancy Purcell, Attorney-in-fact

08/21/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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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