

Breier Benjamin A  
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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 \*  
 Breier Benjamin A

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)  
 02/19/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 President, Peoplefirst Rehab

LOUISVILLE, KY 40202

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

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

**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 (D) Price		
Common Stock	02/19/2008		A		2,405 (1) \$ 0	28,414	D
Common Stock	02/19/2008		A		10,000 (1) \$ 0	38,414	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. 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)	\$ 25.83	02/19/2008		A	4,473	02/19/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/19/2015	Common Stock	4,473
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.83	02/19/2008		A	1,695	02/19/2009 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/19/2015	Common Stock	1,695
Employee Stock Option (right to Buy)	\$ 25.83	02/10/2008		A	1,815	02/19/2011 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/19/2015	Common Stock	1,815
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.83	02/19/2008		A	5,685	02/19/2009 <sup>(5)</sup> 02/19/2015	Common Stock	5,685

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Breier Benjamin A 680 SOUTH FOURTH STREET LOUISVILLE, KY 40202			President, Peoplefirst Rehab	

## Signatures

Benjamin A.  
Breier

02/20/2008

    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 approximately equal annual installments over four years commencing on 2/19/09.
  - (2) This option becomes exercisable in the following cumulative installments: 1,209 on 2/19/09, 1,208 on 2/19/10 and 2,056 on 2/19/11.
  - (3) This option becomes exercisable in the following cumulative installments: 847 on 2/19/09 and 848 on 2/19/10.
  - (4) This option becomes exercisable in the following installment: 1,815 on 2/19/11.
  - (5) This option becomes exercisable in the following cumulative installments: 2,500 on 2/19/09, 2,500 on 2/19/10 and 685 on 2/19/11.

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