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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Behrens Paul L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

12/20/2005

WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC. [WCG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Sr. VP, CFO

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

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

X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC., 8725 HENDERSON

(Street)

ROAD

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

TAMPA, FL 33634

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	nsaction Date 2A. Deemed h/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/20/2005		S <u>(1)</u>	66	D	\$ 41.46	9,834	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		S	12	D	\$ 41.43	9,822	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		S	66	D	\$ 41.4	9,756	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		S	215	D	\$ 41.38	9,541	D	
	12/20/2005		S	6	D		9,535	D	

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Common Stock					\$ 41.37		
Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	18	D	\$ 41.36	9,517	D
Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	42	D	\$ 41.35	9,475	D
Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	6	D	\$ 41.34	9,469	D
Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	72	D	\$ 41.33	9,397	D
Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	30	D	\$ 41.32	9,367	D
Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	78	D	\$ 41.31	9,289	D
Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	1,033	D	\$ 41.3	8,256	D
Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	6	D	\$ 41.27	8,250	D
Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	16	D	\$ 41.26	8,234	D
Common Stock	12/20/2005	S	834	D	\$ 41.25	7,400	D

Common Stock

379,187 I

Behrens & Robert H Waltuch Trustees Paul L Behrens 2005 Short Term Trust (2)

Paul L

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Ti	tle of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Deri	vative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration Date	Amount of	Derivative	Deriv
Secu	ırity	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Year)	Underlying	Security	Secu

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Shares

(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Securit (Instr.	ties 3 and 4)	(Instr. 5)	
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of	

Sr. VP, CFO

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Behrens Paul L

C/O WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC.

8725 HENDERSON ROAD

TAMPA, FL 33634

Signatures

/s/ Thaddeus Bereday, 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) Planned sale pursuant to the Reporting Person's Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- (2) In December 2005 the Reporting Person transferred 379,187 shares of the Issuer's common stock into an irrevocable short term trust of which the Reporting Person is a co-trustee.

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