

HIGBY LAWRENCE M
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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 *
HIGBY LAWRENCE M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
APRIA HEALTHCARE GROUP INC [AHG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/29/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chief Executive Officer

C/O APRIA HEALTHCARE GROUP INC., 26220 ENTERPRISE COURT

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

LAKE FOREST, CA 92630

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Stock Appreciation Rights ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 21.71 ⁽²⁾ | 02/29/2008 | | A | 131,130 | 02/28/2009 ⁽³⁾ | 02/28/2018 | Common Stock |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 0.001 | 02/29/2008 | | A | 86,090 | 02/18/2009 ⁽⁵⁾ | 12/31/2010 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HIGBY LAWRENCE M C/O APRIA HEALTHCARE GROUP INC. 26220 ENTERPRISE COURT LAKE FOREST, CA 92630 | X | | Chief Executive Officer | |

Signatures

s/s Lawrence M. Higby by Raoul Smyth,
Attorney-In-Fact

03/04/2008

__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) Grant of stock appreciation rights ("SARs") under the Issuer's 2003 Performance Incentive Plan. Each SAR, subject to vesting and exercise, represents the right of the reporting person to receive shares of the Issuer's Common Stock equal in value to the amount determined by subtracting the Base Price of the SAR from the per share value of the Common Stock of the Issuer as of the date of exercise.

(2) This represents the Base Price of each SAR.

(3) The SAR vests in three equal 32,782 share increments on February 28, 2009, February 28, 2010 and February 28, 2011 and one final increment of 32,784 shares on February 29, 2012.

(4) Restricted stock units granted under the Issuer's 2003 Performance Incentive Plan. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock.

This grant will vest as to 28,696 shares and will be paid on December 31, 2010 subject only to the reporting person's continued employment with the Issuer through that date. If certain pre-determined performance measures are achieved for the one-year period ending on December 31, 2008, up to an additional 28,697 shares will vest and be issued to the reporting person on February 18, 2009, or as soon thereafter as the achievement can practicably be determined, and up to an additional 28,697 shares will vest and be issued to the reporting person on February 18, 2010.

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