

APRIA HEALTHCARE GROUP INC
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FORM 4

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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)
03/07/2006

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)	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)

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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 Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.75	03/07/2006		A	100,000 <u>(1)</u>	03/07/2007 ⁽¹⁾	03/06/2016	Common Stock	1
Restricted Stock Units ⁽²⁾	\$ 0	03/07/2006		A	33,333 <u>(3)</u>	12/31/2008	12/31/2008 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	3

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

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

03/09/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) This option was granted under the issuer's 2003 Performance Incentive Plan and vests in two equal 33,333 share installments on March 7, 2007 and March 7, 2008 and one final installment of 33,334 shares on March 7, 2009.

(2) The restricted stock units were 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.

(3) This grant will vest and be paid on December 31, 2008. If certain pre-determined performance measures are achieved for the one-year period ending on December 31, 2006, up to an additional 33,333 shares will vest and be issued to the reporting person promptly following determination that the applicable performance goals have been met, and up to an additional 33,337 shares will vest and be issued on December 31, 2007.

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