

Cooper Walter W.
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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 *
Cooper Walter W.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC. [WCG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/01/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Administrative Officer

C/O WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC., 8725 HENDERSON ROAD, REN. 1

(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
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TAMPA, FL 33634

(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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/01/2013		A ⁽¹⁾	4,543 A \$ 0	12,084	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2013		F	1,243 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 56.8	10,841	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2013		M ⁽³⁾	909 A \$ 0	11,750	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2013		F	249 ⁽⁴⁾ D \$ 56.8	11,501	D	

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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)	8. Price or Value of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)
Restricted Stock Units	(5)	03/01/2013		M	909	(6) (6)	Common Stock	909 \$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Cooper Walter W. C/O WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC. 8725 HENDERSON ROAD, REN. 1 TAMPA, FL 33634			Chief Administrative Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Michael Haber,
Attorney-in-fact

03/05/2013

__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) Settlement of performance stock units that were granted on March 31, 2010 and vested on March 1, 2013 based upon the achievement of performance goals for the three-year performance period ending December 31, 2012.
- (2) Forfeiture of shares to satisfy tax obligations related to performance stock units that were granted to the Reporting Person on March 31, 2010 and vested on March 1, 2013.

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- (3) Vesting of restricted stock units granted to the Reporting Person on February 13, 2012.
- (4) Forfeiture of shares to satisfy tax obligations related to restricted stock units that were granted to the Reporting Person on February 13, 2012 and vested on March 1, 2013.
- (5) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of WCG common stock.
- (6) The restricted stock units vest in approximately equal increments on March 1, 2013, March 1, 2014 and March 1, 2015. Vested shares will be delivered to the Reporting Person upon vest.

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