WELLPOINT INC

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement WELLPOINT INC [WLP] Brown Randal L (Month/Day/Year) 03/16/2005 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer _ Other Person INDIANAPOLIS, ÂINÂ 46204 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock $23,077 \frac{(1)}{2}$ Common Stock 1.774 I **IRA** Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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3. Title and Amount of 6. Nature of Indirect 1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 5. (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of Ownership (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative (Instr. 5) Derivative Security:

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	05/03/2003	05/03/2012	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 71.86	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	05/12/2004	05/12/2013	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 71.7	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	05/17/2005	05/17/2014	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 88.36	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 0	Director	rector 10% Owner Office		Othe		
Brown Randal L						
120 MONUMENT CIRCLE	Â	Â	SVP	Â		
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204						

Signatures

Nancy L. Purcell, Attorney-in-Fact 03/24/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Includes 17,500 restricted shares; 50% vests 3/15/07 and the remaining 50% vests 3/15/08.

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