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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

LYTLE L BEN

WELLPOINT INC [WLP]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

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

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

120 MONUMENT CIRCLE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

05/10/2005

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. Pric
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction Derivative		Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Deriva
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Securi
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired			(Instr.

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Derivative (A) or Security Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

> Code V (A) (D) Date **Expiration Title** Amount Exercisable Date or

Number of Shares

1,846

\$ 13

Phantom

Common $\$0^{(2)}$ (3) Stock 05/10/2005 Α 1,846 Stock

Units (1)

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LYTLE L BEN X 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE **INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204**

Signatures

Nancy Purcell,

Attorney-in-fact 05/12/2005

**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).
- The phantom stock units were accrued under the WellPoint, Inc. ("Company") Board of Directors Deferred Compensation Plan ("the **(1)** Plan").
- (2) The Conversion or Exercise Price of the Derivative Security is 1-for-1

The phantom stock units shall be payable in Company common stock upon the first to occur of (a) five years from the date of grant or (b)

(3) the date the Reporting Person ceases to be a member of the Registrant's board of directors; unless a later date is designated in the Reporting Person's election made under the Plan in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

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