Bereday Thaddeus Form 4 January 31, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Bereday Thaddeus

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS,

INC. [WCG]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/27/2006

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

Sr. VP, General Counsel

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

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

Person

TAMPA, FL 33634

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/27/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	666	D	\$ 38.5	6,734	D	
Common Stock	01/27/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	533	D	\$ 38.45	6,201	D	
Common Stock	01/27/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	502	D	\$ 38.4	5,699	D	
Common Stock	01/27/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	399	D	\$ 38.35	5,300	D	
	01/27/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	267	D	\$ 38.3	5,033	D	

Common
Stock

Common Stock 01/27/2006 $S_{\underline{(1)}}$ 133 D $\frac{\$}{38.25}$ 4,900 D

Common Stock Stock Bereday & Robert H Waltuch Trustees Thaddeus Bereday

2005 Short Term Trust

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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.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amour	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underl	ying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securit	ies	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. :	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
	-				(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									A	
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration		or	
						Exercisable Date	*	Title Number		
				~					of	
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bereday Thaddeus C/O WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC. 8725 HENDERSON ROAD TAMPA, FL 33634

Sr. VP, General Counsel

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Signatures

/s/ Michael Haber, Attorney-in-fact

01/31/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Planned sale pursuant to the Reporting Person's Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.

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