### MOLINA HEALTHCARE INC

Form 4

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## FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HELMER RICHARD A MD	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol MOLINA HEALTHCARE INC	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
	[MOH]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify		
2277 FAIR OAKS BLVD., SUITE 440	12/20/2004	below) below) V.P. and Chief Medical Officer		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
SACRAMENTO, CA 95825		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(6:)				

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	<b>Derivative</b>	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)  (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price		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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock							1,741	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2004		M	7,120	A	\$ 4.5	8,861	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2004		S	7,120	D	\$ 47.45 (1)	1,741	D	

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 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year	Underlying So		Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.5	12/20/2004		M	7,120	<u>(2)</u>	11/18/2011	Common Stock	7,120
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.33					02/10/2005(3)	02/10/2014	Common Stock	15,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HELMER RICHARD A MD 2277 FAIR OAKS BLVD., SUITE 440 SACRAMENTO, CA 95825

V.P. and Chief Medical Officer

# **Signatures**

Richard A. Helmer, M.D., by Jeff D. Barlow, Attorney-in-Fact.

12/22/2004

\*\*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) Represents the weighted average sales price of 15 separate sales made on 12/20/2004.
- (2) The options became fully exercisable upon the closing of the initial public offering of the issuer.
- (3) The options vest one-third on each of 2/10/2005, 2/10/2006, and 2/10/2007.

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