

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 DIAZ PAUL J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC
 [KND]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 680 SOUTH FOURTH STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/27/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President and CEO

LOUISVILLE, KY 40202

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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(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 | 07/27/2005 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 200 D \$ 39.66 | 266,880 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2005 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 250 D \$ 39.44 | 266,630 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2005 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 500 D \$ 39.43 | 266,130 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2005 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 200 D \$ 39.4 | 265,930 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2005 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 100 D \$ 39.45 | 265,830 | D | |

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|--------------|------------|--------------|-----|---|----------|---------|---|
| Common Stock | 07/27/2005 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 39.47 | 265,730 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2005 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 39.41 | 265,630 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2005 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 39.46 | 265,530 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2005 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 39.42 | 265,430 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2005 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 39.56 | 265,330 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2005 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 39.53 | 265,230 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2005 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 39.57 | 265,130 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2005 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 39.23 | 265,030 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2005 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 39.22 | 264,930 | D |
| Common stock | 07/27/2005 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 39.21 | 264,830 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2005 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 39.27 | 264,730 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2005 | <u>S</u> (1) | 200 | D | \$ 39.39 | 264,530 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2005 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 39.37 | 264,430 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2005 | <u>S</u> (1) | 300 | D | \$ 39.34 | 264,130 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2005 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 39.32 | 264,030 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2005 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 39.33 | 263,930 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2005 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 39.38 | 263,830 | D |
| Common stock | 07/27/2005 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 39.35 | 263,730 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2005 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 39.18 | 263,630 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2005 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 39.15 | 263,530 | D |
| | 07/27/2005 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | | 263,430 | D |

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|--------------|------------|--|------------------|-----|---|-------|---------|---|--|
| Common Stock | | | | | | \$ | | | |
| | | | | | | 39.14 | | | |
| Common Stock | 07/27/2005 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 100 | D | \$ | 263,330 | D | |
| | | | | | | 39.17 | | | |

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. 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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DIAZ PAUL J 680 SOUTH FOURTH STREET LOUISVILLE, KY 40202 | X | | President and CEO | |

Signatures

Paul J. Diaz 07/28/2005
 __Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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) These shares were sold pursuant to a written non-discretionary Rule 10b5-1 sales plan dated June 29, 2005.

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