

MAGELLAN HEALTH SERVICES INC
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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 *
WEST JEFFREY N

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MAGELLAN HEALTH SERVICES INC [MGLN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
14100 MAGELLAN PLAZA
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/21/2007

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP & Controller

**MARYLAND
 HEIGHTS, MO 63043**

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			
Ordinary Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	12/21/2007		X ⁽¹⁾	4,333 A \$ 38.52	6,388	D	
Ordinary Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	12/21/2007		X ⁽¹⁾	3,333 A \$ 38.21	9,721	D	
	12/21/2007		S ⁽¹⁾	7,666 D	2,055	D	

Ordinary
Common
Stock,
\$0.01 par
value

\$
48.58

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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 38.52	12/21/2007		X ⁽¹⁾	4,333	02/24/2007 ⁽²⁾	02/24/2016	Ordinary Common Stock	4,333
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 38.21	12/21/2007		X ⁽¹⁾	3,333	03/20/2007 ⁽⁴⁾	03/20/2016	Ordinary Common Stock	3,333

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WEST JEFFREY N 14100 MAGELLAN PLAZA MARYLAND HEIGHTS, MO 63043			SVP & Controller	

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey N
West

12/26/2007

__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) This transaction was effectuated pursuant to a Rule 10b-5-1 plan and, accordingly, not on a discretionary basis by the reporting person.
- (2) Remainder of 8,667 options in this tranche vest and become exercisable in one half increments on February 24 of 2008 and 2009.
- (3) No price was applicable to the acquisition of this security.
- (4) Remainder of 6,667 options in this tranche vest and become exercisable in one half increments on March 20 of 2008 and 2009.

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