

HealthMarkets, Inc.
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FORM 4

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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 *
PLATO JAMES N

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1200 S WHITE CHAPEL
BLVD, SUITE A

(Street)

SOUTHLAKE, TX 76092

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HealthMarkets, Inc. [N/A]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/08/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Division Manager

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | 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 Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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prior to May 8, 2010, the exercise price will be \$44.77. If the optionee exercises the option on or after May 8, 2010 but prior to May 8, 2011, the exercise price will be \$49.25. If the optionee exercises the option on or after May 8, 2011, the exercise price will be \$54.17.

The option vests in different increments on each of the first five anniversaries of May 8, 2006. Twenty-five percent of the option vests on

- (3) May 8, 2007. Twenty-five percent of the option vests on May 8, 2008. Seventeen percent of the option vests on May 8, 2009. Seventeen percent of the option vests on May 8, 2010. The remaining 16% of the option vests on May 8, 2011.
- (4) Options vest and become exercisable in 20% annual increments on each of the first, second, third, fourth and fifth anniversaries of the grant date

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