#### PROASSURANCE CORP

Form 4

December 01, 2004

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CROWE A DERRILL MD			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol PROASSURANCE CORP [PRA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION, 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE			(Month/Day/Year) 11/30/2004	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title _X_ Other (specify below) below)  Chairman / Chief Executive Officer		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811			Filed(Month/Day/Year)			

(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)				of (D)	5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/01/2004		S	39,200	D	\$ 39.12	345,982	D	
Common Stock	11/30/2004		S	10,800	D	\$ 39.06	385,182	D	
Common Stock							499,044	I	IRA-Sterne Agee & Leach
Common Stock							78,866	I	IRA-Smith Barney
Common Stock							11,742 (1)	I	ProAssurance Group

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								Savings and Retirement Plan [401(k)	]	
Common Stock						1,224	I	Spouse		
Common Stock						1,162,791		Crowe Fami Partners, Ltd	~	
Common Stock						46,928		Childrens' Trusts		
Reminder: Re	port on a separ	rate line for each class	of securities benefic			indirectly.	action of	SEC 1474		
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			ive Securities Acqui ts, calls, warrants, c				d			
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)	of	Expiration Date Ur (Month/Day/Year) (Ir ve s		Underlying	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.28					09/10/2004(2)	09/10/2014	4 Common Stock	50,000	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22					09/04/2003(3)	03/04/201	3 Common Stock	40,000	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.8					07/15/2002(4)	01/15/2012	2 Common Stock	60,000	
	\$ 24.68					06/20/2001	12/02/2007	7		

Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) Common 109,341 Stock (5)

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CROWE A DERRILL MD C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811

X Chairman Chief Executive Officer

#### **Signatures**

Frank B. O'Neil, Attorney-in-Fact for the Reporting Person

12/01/2004

\*\*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) These shares were allocated prior to August 29, 2002 and were exempt under Rule 16b-3
- (2) The options vest in five equal installments commencing on September 10, 2004
- (3) The options vest in five equal installments commencing on September 4, 2003
- (4) The options vest in five equal installments commencing on July 15, 2002
  - On June 27, 2001, in connection with the consolidation of Medical Assurance, Inc. and Professionals Group, Inc. under the ownership of ProAssurance Corporations (NYSE:PRA), each share of Medical Assurance, Inc. common stock was converted into one share of ProAssurance Corporation common stock, and each option to purchase Medical Assurance, Inc. common stock was converted into one
- (5) option to purchase ProAssurance Corporation common stock. The acquisitions reported herein reflect shares of ProAssurance Corporation common stock and stock options acquired beneficially by the reporting person in exchange for the surrender of shares and stock options owned beneficially in Medical Assurance, Inc. The acquisition of ProAssurance Corporation shares and options reported herein is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act, as amended (the "Act"), by virtue of Rule 16b-3(d) promulgated under the Act.

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