

SNEAD THOMAS G JR
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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 *
 SNEAD THOMAS G JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 WELLPOINT INC [WLP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/27/2006

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

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	01/27/2006		M		50,000 A \$ 35.85	D	152,349.6078
Common Stock	01/27/2006		S		800 D \$ 75.06	D	151,549.6078
Common Stock	01/27/2006		S		2,300 D \$ 75.08	D	149,249.6078
Common Stock	01/27/2006		S		1,500 D \$ 75.09	D	147,749.6078
Common Stock	01/27/2006		S		24,200 D \$ 75.1	D	123,549.6078
	01/27/2006		S		19,300 D	D	104,249.6078

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Common Stock					\$ 75.11		
Common Stock	01/27/2006	S	400	D	\$ 75.12	103,849.6078	D
Common Stock	01/27/2006	S	300	D	\$ 75.13	103,549.6078	D
Common Stock	01/27/2006	S	1,200	D	\$ 75.14	102,349.6078	D
Common Stock	01/30/2006	M	3,333	A	\$ 35.85	105,682.6078	D
Common Stock	01/30/2006	M	21,667	A	\$ 44.18	127,349.6078	D
Common Stock	01/30/2006	S	9,800	D	\$ 75.45	117,549.6078	D
Common Stock	01/30/2006	S	3,000	D	\$ 75.46	114,549.6078	D
Common Stock	01/30/2006	S	3,400	D	\$ 75.47	111,149.6078	D
Common Stock	01/30/2006	S	4,700	D	\$ 75.48	106,449.6078	D
Common Stock	01/30/2006	S	1,300	D	\$ 75.49	105,149.6078	D
Common Stock	01/30/2006	S	800	D	\$ 75.5	104,349.6078	D
Common Stock	01/30/2006	S	2,000	D	\$ 75.51	102,349.6078	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. 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)
				Code	V (A) (D)		Title

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					Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.85	01/27/2006	M	50,000	05/12/2004	05/12/2013	Common Stock	50,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.85	01/30/2006	M	3,333	05/12/2004	05/12/2013	Common Stock	3,333
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 44.18	01/30/2006	M	21,667	05/17/2005	05/17/2014	Common Stock	21,667

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SNEAD THOMAS G JR 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204			EVP	

Signatures

Nancy L. Purcell,
Attorney-in-fact

01/31/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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