

WELLPOINT INC
Form S-8
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Under

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

WELLPOINT, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)
120 Monument Circle
Indianapolis, Indiana

35-2145715
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)
46204

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

WellPoint Employee Stock Purchase Plan

(Full title of the plan)

John Cannon

Executive Vice President and General Counsel

WellPoint, Inc.

120 Monument Circle

Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

(Name and address of agent for service)

(317) 488-6000

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copy to:

David C. Worrell

Baker & Daniels LLP

600 East 96th Street, Suite 600

Indianapolis, Indiana 46240

(317) 569-9600

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer", and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
 Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be registered	Amount to be registered (1)	Proposed maximum offering price per share (2)	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price (2)	Amount of registration fee (2)
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	8,000,000	\$34.36	\$274,880,000	\$10,802.78

- This Registration Statement registers 8,000,000 shares of Common Stock under the WellPoint Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended and restated (the Plan). In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act), this Registration Statement also covers any additional shares of the Registrant's Common Stock that become issuable under the Plan by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without receipt of consideration that increases the number of outstanding shares of the Registrant's Common Stock.
- Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee and computed in accordance with Rule 457(c) and (h) under the Securities Act using the average of the high and low sale prices of the Common Stock as reported by the NYSE on December 5, 2008, which was \$34.36 per share.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(A) PROSPECTUS

ITEM 1. PLAN INFORMATION*

ITEM 2. REGISTRANT INFORMATION AND EMPLOYEE PLAN ANNUAL INFORMATION*

*As permitted by Rule 428 under the Securities Act, this Registration Statement omits the information specified in Part I of Form S-8. The documents containing the information specified in Part I will be delivered to the participants in the plan covered by this Registration Statement as required by Rule 428(b). Such documents are not being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) as part of this registration statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

ITEM 3. INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE.

The following documents heretofore filed by WellPoint, Inc. (the Registrant) with the Commission are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement:

- (1) The Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007;
- (2) The Registrant's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on March 7, 2008, March 12, 2008, April 23, 2008, May 22, 2008, May 28, 2008, August 22, 2008 and September 11, 2008;
- (3) The Registrant's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2008, June 30, 2008 and September 30, 2008; and
- (4) The description of the Registrant's Common Stock contained in the Registrant's registration statement on Form 8-A filed with the Commission on October 26, 2001, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

In addition, all documents subsequently filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities offered hereby then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof

from the date of filing of such documents. Nothing in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to incorporate information furnished but not filed on Form 8-K.

The Registrant will promptly provide without charge to each person to whom a prospectus is delivered a copy of any or all information that has been incorporated herein by reference (not including exhibits to the information that is incorporated by reference unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into such information) upon the written or oral request of such person directed to the Corporate Secretary of the Registrant at its principal offices, 120 Monument Circle, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, telephone (317) 488-6000.

ITEM 4. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES.

Not Applicable. The Registrant's common stock is registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act.

ITEM 5. INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL.

Not Applicable.

ITEM 6. INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.

The Indiana Business Corporation Law provides that a corporation, unless limited by its articles of incorporation, is required to indemnify its directors and officers against reasonable expenses incurred in the successful defense of any proceeding arising out of their serving as a director or officer of the corporation.

As permitted by the Indiana Business Corporation Law, the Registrant's articles of incorporation provide for indemnification of directors, officers, employees and agents of the Registrant against any and all liability and reasonable expense that may be incurred by them, arising out of any claim or action civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, in which they may become involved by reason of being or having been a director, officer, employee or agent. To be entitled to indemnification, those persons must have been wholly successful in the claim or action or the board of directors must have determined, based upon a written finding of legal counsel or another independent referee, or a court of competent jurisdiction must have determined, that such persons acted in good faith in what they reasonably believed to be the best interest of the Registrant (or at least not opposed to its best interests) and, in addition, in any criminal action, had reasonable cause to believe their conduct was lawful (or had no reasonable cause to believe that their conduct was unlawful). The Registrant's articles of incorporation authorize the Registrant to advance funds for expenses to an indemnified person, but only upon receipt of an undertaking that he or she will repay the same if it is ultimately determined that such party is not entitled to indemnification.

The rights of indemnification provided by the articles of incorporation of the Registrant are not exhaustive and are in addition to any rights to which a director or officer may otherwise be entitled by contract or as a matter of law. Irrespective of the provisions of the articles of

incorporation of the Registrant, the Registrant may, at any time and from time to time, indemnify directors, officers, employees and other persons to the full extent permitted by the provisions of applicable law at the time in effect, whether on account of past or future transactions.

The Registrant maintains a standard policy of officers and directors liability insurance.

ITEM 7. EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION CLAIMED.

Not Applicable.

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS.

The list of Exhibits is incorporated herein by reference to the Index to Exhibits.

ITEM 9. UNDERTAKINGS.

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:
 - (i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
 - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and
 - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

Provided, however, that paragraphs (1)(i) and (1)(ii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

The Registrant. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Indianapolis, State of Indiana, on December 12, 2008.

WELLPOINT, INC.

By: /s/ Angela F. Braly
Angela F. Braly

President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, each person whose signature appears below hereby authorizes John Cannon, Nancy L. Purcell and Kathleen S. Kiefer or any of them, each with full power of substitution, to execute in the name and on behalf of such person any amendment to this Registration Statement, including post-effective amendments, and any subsequent registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933 and to file the same, with exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, making such changes in this Registration Statement as the Registrant deems appropriate, and appoints John Cannon, Nancy L. Purcell and Kathleen S. Kiefer or any of them, each with full power of substitution, attorney-in-fact to sign any amendment to this Registration Statement, including post-effective amendments, and any subsequent registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933 and to file the same, with exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in their respective capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Angela F. Braly	President and Chief Executive	December 12, 2008
Angela F. Braly	Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	
/s/ Wayne S. DeVeydt		December 12, 2008
Wayne S. DeVeydt	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	
/s/ Martin L. Miller	Senior Vice President, Chief	December 12, 2008
Martin L. Miller	Accounting Officer and Controller (Chief Accounting Officer)	
/s/ Larry C. Glasscock	Chairman of the Board	December 12, 2008
Larry C. Glasscock		
/s/ Lenox D. Baker, Jr. M.D.	Director	December 12, 2008
Lenox D. Baker, Jr., M.D.		
/s/ Susan B. Bayh	Director	December 12, 2008
Susan B. Bayh		
/s/ Sheila P. Burke	Director	December 12, 2008
Sheila P. Burke		

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Signature	Title	Date
/s/ William H.T. Bush William H.T. Bush	Director	December 12, 2008
/s/ Julie A. Hill Julie A. Hill	Director	December 12, 2008
/s/ Warren Y. Jobe Warren Y. Jobe	Director	December 12, 2008
/s/ Victor S. Liss Victor S. Liss	Director	December 12, 2008
/s/ William G. Mays William G. Mays	Director	December 12, 2008
/s/ Ramiro G. Peru Ramiro G. Peru	Director	December 12, 2008
/s/ Jane G. Pisano Jane G. Pisano	Director	December 12, 2008
/s/ Donald W. Riegler, Jr. Senator Donald W. Riegler, Jr.	Director	December 12, 2008
/s/ William J. Ryan William J. Ryan	Director	December 12, 2008
/s/ George A. Schaefer, Jr. George A. Schaefer, Jr.	Director	December 12, 2008
/s/ Jackie M. Ward Jackie M. Ward	Director	December 12, 2008
/s/ John E. Zuccotti John E. Zuccotti	Director	December 12, 2008

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
4.1	Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant, as amended effective May 17, 2007, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 18, 2007.
4.2	By-laws of the Registrant, as amended May 21, 2008, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 22, 2008.
4.3	Specimen of Certificate of the Registrant's common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed on December 28, 2005 (Registration No. 333-130743).
5	Opinion of Baker & Daniels LLP.
23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, Ernst & Young LLP.
23.2	Consent of Baker & Daniels LLP (included in the Opinion of Baker & Daniels LLP filed as Exhibit 5).
24	Powers of Attorney (included on the Signature Page of this registration statement).
99	WellPoint Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended and restated effective January 1, 2009.