

OLSEN GEORGE KIRK
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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 *
OLSEN GEORGE KIRK

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MOLINA HEALTHCARE INC [MOH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2277 FAIR OAKS BLVD, STE 440

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/21/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Pres & CEO of Molina of UT

SACRAMENTO, CA 95825

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					1,633	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004		M	2,500 A \$ 3.13	4,133	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004		S	600 D \$ 47.09	3,533	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004		S	1,900 D \$ 46.96	1,633	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.33					02/10/2005 ⁽¹⁾ / 02/10/2014	Common Stock	8,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.13	12/21/2004		M	2,500	⁽²⁾ / 05/11/2010	Common Stock	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OLSEN GEORGE KIRK 2277 FAIR OAKS BLVD, STE 440 SACRAMENTO, CA 95825			Pres & CEO of Molina of UT	

Signatures

G. Kirk Olsen, by Jeff D. Barlow,
Attorney-in-Fact. 12/23/2004

**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) The options vest one-third on each of 2/10/2005, 2/10/2006, and 2/10/2007.
- (2) The options became fully exercisable upon the closing of the initial public offering of the issuer.

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