

WELLPOINT INC  
Form 8-K  
January 19, 2006

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

FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 19, 2006

WELLPOINT, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

001-16751  
(Commission  
File Number)

35-2145715  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

120 Monument Circle  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (317) 488-6000

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N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management**

**Item 5.02(b) Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

On January 19, 2006, L. Ben Lytle resigned from his position as a Director of WellPoint, Inc., effective immediately.

**Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01(d) Exhibits**

The following exhibit is being filed herewith:

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Exhibit</u>  |
|--------------------|---|
| 99.1               | Press Release of WellPoint, Inc., issued on January 19, 2006. |

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: January 19, 2006

WELLPOINT, INC.

By: /s/ Angela F. Braly

Name: Angela F. Braly

Title: Executive Vice President, General  
Counsel and Chief Public Affairs  
Officer

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