

MACDONALD ERIN E  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MACDONALD ERIN E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SIERRA HEALTH SERVICES INC [SIE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/24/2005

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

2724 N. TENAYA WAY

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

LAS VEGAS, NV 89128

(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)  | Price   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code V  | Amount  |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/24/2005                           |  | M                              | 10,000  | A \$ 3.75   | 41,195.26  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 08/24/2005                           |  | S                              | 10,000  | D \$ 68   | 31,195.26 <sup>(1)</sup>                                 | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 15,908.3   | I By 401(k) Plan                  |

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(2)</sup> | \$ 3.75  | 08/24/2005                           |  | M                              | 10,000  | 05/17/2001 <sup>(3)</sup> 05/16/2010                     | Common Stock  | 10,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MACDONALD ERIN E<br>2724 N. TENAYA WAY<br>LAS VEGAS, NV 89128 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Erin E. MacDonald/Jayne  
Primaky POA  
08/25/2005

\*\*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) Includes 237 shares acquired in June 2005 under the Sierra Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

(2) Grant of options in consideration for services under the Company's 1995 Long-Term Incentive Plan, which meets the requirements of, and which transactions are exempted by, Rule 16b-3 and Rule 16b-6(b).

(3) Exercisable as to 20% on each of 5/17/01, 5/17/02, 5/17/03, 5/17/04 and 5/17/05.

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