

Cotton Michael Lester
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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 *
 Cotton Michael Lester

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC. [WCG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President, Nat'l Health Plans

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC., 8725 HENDERSONN ROAD, REN. 1
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/01/2010

TAMPA, FL 33634
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	07/01/2010		M ⁽¹⁾	5,620 A \$ 0	9,879	D	
Common Stock	07/01/2010		F	1,824 (2) D \$ 23.7	8,055	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)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	07/01/2010		M	5,620	(4) (4)	Common Stock	5,620

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Cotton Michael Lester C/O WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC. 8725 HENDERSONN ROAD, REN. 1 TAMPA, FL 33634			President, Nat'l Health Plans	

Signatures

/s/ Michael Haber,
Attorney-in-fact
Date: 07/06/2010

**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) Vesting of restricted stock units granted to the Reporting Person on July 29, 2009.
- (2) Forfeiture of shares to satisfy tax obligations related to restricted stock units that were granted to the Reporting Person on July 29, 2009 and vested on July 1, 2010.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of WCG common stock.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest as to approximately 50% on 7/1/2010 and approximately 50% on 7/1/2011. Vested shares will be delivered to the Reporting Person upon vest.

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