

SZABO JOHN P JR
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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 *
 SZABO JOHN P JR

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 BOULEVARD,
 SUITE 400
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 08/22/2005

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

SACRAMENTO, CA 95825

(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)
				(A) or (D)	Amount		
				Code	V		Price
Common Stock					10,000	(1)	D
Common Stock					1,000	I	By spouse (2)
Common Stock	08/22/2005		P	1,000	A	\$ 26.38	11,000 (1) 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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.88					04/27/2006 ⁽³⁾ 04/26/2016	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SZABO JOHN P JR 2277 FAIR OAKS BOULEVARD, SUITE 400 SACRAMENTO, CA 95825	X			

Signatures

John P. Szabo, Jr., by Jeff D. Barlow,
Attorney-in-Fact. 08/23/2005

__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) 1,500 of the shares are unvested. Of these, 500 shares shall vest on each of September 30, 2005, December 31, 2005, and March 31, 2006.
- (2) The 1,000 shares are held by the self-directed IRA of the reporting person's spouse.
- (3) The options vest one-third on each of April 27, 2006, April 27, 2007, and April 27, 2008.

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