

LECHLEITER RICHARD A
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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 *
 LECHLEITER RICHARD A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC
 [KND]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 680 SOUTH FOURTH STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/21/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive VP and CFO

LOUISVILLE, KY 40202

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2012 | | A | 16,988 (1) A \$ 0 | 114,320 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2012 | | F | 5,811 D \$ 12.1 | 108,509 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,000 | I | By wife as UTMA custodian for his children |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

