

LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC.
 Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
CULOTTA MICHAEL J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC.
 [LPNT]**

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
103 POWELL COURT, SUITE 200
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/22/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Financial Officer

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

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 (A) or Price (D) | | |
| Common Stock | 04/22/2005 | | A | | 18,000 ⁽¹⁾ \$ 0 | 61,058 | D |
| Common Stock | 04/22/2005 | | A | | 36,000 ⁽²⁾ \$ 0 | 97,058 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 1,877 ⁽³⁾ | I By Retirement Plan |

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 42.6 | 04/22/2005 | | A | | 45,000 | | 04/22/2008 ⁽⁴⁾ | 04/22/2015 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CULOTTA MICHAEL J 103 POWELL COURT, SUITE 200 BRENTWOOD, TN 37027 | | | Chief Financial Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Culotta,
Michael J

04/26/2005

**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).

These shares were granted to the reporting person on April 22, 2005 as a restricted stock award under the LifePoint Hospitals, Inc.

(1) Long-Term Incentive Plan. Generally, such shares will be forfeited in their entirety unless the reporting person continues to be an employee of the Company on April 22, 2008.

These shares were granted to the reporting person on April 22, 2005 as a restricted stock award under the LifePoint Hospitals, Inc.

(2) Long-Term Incentive Plan. The shares become unrestricted in three equal installments on April 22, 2006, April 22, 2007 and April 22, 2008.

(3) Share amounts reflected for the retirement plan are estimates based on unit accounting and based upon an April 22, 2005 value of \$42.60 per share.

(4) Options become exercisable in three equal installments on April 22, 2006, April 22, 2007 and April 22, 2008.

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