

WELLPOINT INC  
Form 3/A  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â SANDERS ELIZABETH A		(Month/Day/Year)	WELLPOINT INC [WLP]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	11/30/2004	
120 MONUMENT CIRCLE		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Street)		(Check all applicable)		
INDIANAPOLIS,Â INÂ 46204		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below)		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
			12/02/2004	
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)		2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable    Expiration Date	Title    Amount or Number of Shares			

Deferred Stock Units	Â (1)	Â (2)	Common Stock	3,968	\$ 0	D	Â
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SANDERS ELIZABETH A 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

Nancy Purcell, Attorney-in-fact	01/10/2005
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\_\_Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).
- Each deferred stock unit represents the right to receive, on a deferred basis, one share of Issuer's common stock to be issued under the
- (1) Issuer's 1999 Stock Incentive Plan upon the expiration of the deferral period. The deferred stock units will be issued in five equal annual installments beginning January 2, 2005.
  - (2) The deferred stock units have no specified expiration date.

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