

Sassi Brian A  
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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 \*  
 Sassi Brian A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 WELLPOINT INC [WLP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/02/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 President & CEO Cons, EVP

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

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

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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	03/02/2009		F <sup>(1)</sup>		594	D	\$ 30.1
Common Stock	03/02/2009		A		27,686 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$ 0
Common Stock							8,778 <sup>(3)</sup>
						I	Stock units held in 401(k) 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.1	03/02/2009		A	115,357	<u>(4)</u> 03/02/2016	Common Stock 115,357

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sassi Brian A 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204			President & CEO Cons, EVP	

## Signatures

Kathleen S. Kiefer,  
Attorney-in-fact  
03/04/2009

\*\*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) Payment of tax liability by withholding stock incident to the vesting of previously granted restricted stock.
- (2) Represents restricted share units. Restrictions lapse on 9,228 shares on 3/2/10, and 9,229 shares each on 3/2/11 and 3/2/12.
- (3) The information in this report is based on the plan trustees calculation of units held, as of January 30, 2009.
- (4) Exercisable in five installments of 19,226 each on 9/2/09, 3/2/10, 9/2/10, 3/2/11 and 9/2/11, and one installment of 19,227 on 3/2/12.

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