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Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer HERR HENRY D Symbol HEALTHWAYS, INC [HWAY] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) _X_ Director 10% Owner 08/31/2008 Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) 701 COOL SPRINGS BLVD (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year) (check applicable line)

FRANKLIN, TNÂ 37067

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-Der	ivative Se	curiti	es Acq	uired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	ially 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. Securi Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) o l of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/23/2007	Â	G	2,350 (1)	D	\$ 0	304,299 <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	18,491 (3)	I	Held by Henry D. Herr 2006 Healthways GRAT
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	4,606 (1) (3)	I	Held in trust controlled by spouse

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Common \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} 3,462 \hat{A} Held in 401(k) Plan

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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)	
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Buy	\$ 46.45	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/14/2012	02/14/2015	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HERR HENRY D

701 COOL SPRINGS BLVD Â X Â Â

FRANKLIN, TNÂ 37067

Signatures

/s/ Mary A. Chaput, by power of attorney for Henry D. Herr 10/15/2008

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Of the 2,350 shares gifted on November 23, 2007, 350 shares were given to a trust controlled by the reporting owner's spouse.
- Upon maturity of the Henry D. Herr 2005 American Healthways GRAT on November 15, 2007, 6,106 shares were transferred to the reporting owner, and 1,646 shares were transferred into a trust controlled by the reporting owner's spouse. These shares were transferred pursuant to the terms of the GRAT and were not reportable transactions under Rule 16a-13.

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Of the 30,000 shares held by the 2006 GRAT, 11,509 were transferred from the GRAT to the reporting owner as grantor on October 17, 2007. These shares were transferred pursuant to the terms of the GRAT and were not reportable transactions under Rule 16a-13.

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