

KELLIHER MATTHEW
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FORM 4

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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 *
KELLIHER MATTHEW

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HEALTHWAYS, INC [HWAY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
701 COOL SPRINGS BLVD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
12/30/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President, International

(Street)
FRANKLIN, TN 37067

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) Price | 337 | I | 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)

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| 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Option to Buy | \$ 43.44 | 12/30/2008 | | D | 13,092 | 08/24/2009 08/24/2012 | Common Stock | 13,092 |
| Option to Buy | \$ 42.69 | 12/30/2008 | | D | 12,445 | 10/02/2010 10/02/2013 | Common Stock | 12,445 |
| Option to Buy | \$ 55.01 | 12/30/2008 | | D | 12,543 | 10/08/2011 10/08/2014 | Common Stock | 12,543 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KELLIHER MATTHEW 701 COOL SPRINGS BLVD FRANKLIN, TN 37067 | | | President, International | |

Signatures

/s/ Mary A. Chaput, by power of attorney for Matthew Kelliher 01/02/2009

**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) On December 30, 2008, the issuer cancelled, pursuant to the issuer's option purchase program, an option granted to the reporting person on August 24, 2005. In exchange for the option, the reporting person received \$3,796.68.
 - (2) On December 30, 2008, the issuer cancelled, pursuant to the issuer's option purchase program, an option granted to the reporting person on October 2, 2006. In exchange for the option, the reporting person received \$6,098.05.
 - (3) On December 30, 2008, the issuer cancelled, pursuant to the issuer's option purchase program, an option granted to the reporting person on October 8, 2007. In exchange for the option, the reporting person received \$6,396.93.

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