

LANDENWICH JOSEPH L
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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 *
LANDENWICH JOSEPH L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC
[KND]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
680 SOUTH FOURTH STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/27/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr VP Corporate Legal Affairs

LOUISVILLE, KY 40202

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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	04/27/2005		A		2,500 (1)	A	\$ 0 27,270 D (2)

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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.09	04/27/2005		A	1,377	04/27/2006 ⁽³⁾ 04/27/2012	Common Stock	1,377
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.09	04/27/2005		A	3,373	04/27/2007 ⁽⁴⁾ 04/27/2012	Common Stock	3,373

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LANDENWICH JOSEPH L 680 SOUTH FOURTH STREET LOUISVILLE, KY 40202			Sr VP Corporate Legal Affairs	

Signatures

Joseph L.
Landenwich
04/29/2005
 **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).
- (1) These shares represent restricted stock granted to the reporting person. These shares vest in equal annual installments over four years commencing on 4/27/06.
- (2) This amount includes 2 shares held jointly with his wife.
- (3) This option becomes exercisable in the following cumulative installments: 1,187 on 4/27/06 and 190 on 4/27/07.
- (4) This option becomes exercisable in the following cumulative installments: 998 on 4/27/07, 1,187 on 4/27/08 and 1,188 on 4/27/09.

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