OLSEN GEORGE KIRK

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
OLSEN GEORGE KIRK

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol MOLINA HEALTHCARE INC [MOH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner

2277 FAIR OAKS BLVD, STE 440

12/21/2004

Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title below) Pres & CEO of Molina of UT

(Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SACRAMENTO, CA 95825

(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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 1,633	D		
Common Stock	12/21/2004		M	2,500	A	\$ 3.13	4,133	D		
Common Stock	12/21/2004		S	600	D	\$ 47.09	3,533	D		
Common Stock	12/21/2004		S	1,900	D	\$ 46.96	1,633	D		

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. Transactic 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 or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.33					02/10/2005(1)	02/10/2014	Common Stock	8,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.13	12/21/2004		M	2,500	(2)	05/11/2010	Common Stock	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

OLSEN GEORGE KIRK

2277 FAIR OAKS BLVD, STE 440 Pres & CEO of Molina of UT SACRAMENTO, CA 95825

Signatures

G. Kirk Olsen, by Jeff D. Barlow, Attorney-in-Fact.

**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) The options vest one-third on each of 2/10/2005, 2/10/2006, and 2/10/2007.
- (2) The options became fully exercisable upon the closing of the initial public offering of the issuer.

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