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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 * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading DIAZ PAUL J Issuer Symbol KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC (Check all applicable) [KND] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X_ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 680 SOUTH FOURTH STREET 05/26/2005 President and CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting LOUISVILLE, KY 40202 Person

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	05/26/2005		M	6,286	A	\$ 15.91	309,207	D	
Common Stock	05/26/2005		S	2,500	D	\$ 37.7	306,707	D	
Common Stock	05/26/2005		S	2,400	D	\$ 37.46	304,307	D	
Common Stock	05/26/2005		S	100	D	\$ 37.56	304,207	D	
Common Stock	05/26/2005		S	5,200	D	\$ 37.3	299,007	D	

Common Stock	05/26/2005	S	300	D	\$ 37.28	298,707	D
Common Stock	05/26/2005	S	200	D	\$ 37.29	298,507	D
Common Stock	05/26/2005	S	1,700	D	\$ 37.45	296,807	D
Common Stock	05/26/2005	S	300	D	\$ 37.5	296,507	D
Common Stock	05/26/2005	S	200	D	\$ 37.73	296,307	D
Common Stock	05/26/2005	S	800	D	\$ 37.72	295,507	D
Common Stock	05/26/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 37.71	294,507	D
Common Stock	05/26/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 37.57	293,507	D
Common Stock	05/26/2005	S	300	D	\$ 37.33	293,207	D
Common Stock	05/26/2005	S	400	D	\$ 37.38	292,807	D
Common Stock	05/26/2005	S	586	D	\$ 37.39	292,221	D
Common Stock	05/26/2005	S	2,300	D	\$ 37.2	289,921	D
Common Stock	05/26/2005	S	500	D	\$ 37.78	289,421	D
Common Stock	05/26/2005	S	200	D	\$ 37.67	289,221	D
Common Stock	05/26/2005	S	2,300	D	\$ 37.66	286,921	D
Common Stock	05/26/2005	S	500	D	\$ 37.85	286,421	D
Common Stock	05/27/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 37.8	285,421	D
Common Stock	05/27/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 37.7	284,421	D
Common Stock	05/27/2005	S	500	D	\$ 37.74	283,921	D
Common Stock	05/27/2005	S	500	D	\$ 37.72	283,421	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)			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	Amoun or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.91	05/26/2005		M		6,286	07/23/2003(1)	07/23/2012	Common Stock	6,286
Common Stock Warrant Series A (right to buy)	\$ 30	05/26/2005		S		1,000	(2)	04/20/2006	Common Stock	2,000 (3)
Common Stock Warrant Series B (right to buy)	\$ 33.33	05/26/2005		S		2,000	<u>(2)</u>	04/20/2006	Common Stock	4,000 (3)
Common Stock Warrant Series B (right to buy)	\$ 33.33	05/26/2005		S		1,000	<u>(2)</u>	04/20/2006	Common Stock	2,000 (<u>3)</u>
Common Stock Warrant Series B	\$ 33.33	05/26/2005		S		1,000	(2)	04/20/2006	Common Stock	2,000

(right to buy)								
Common Stock Warrant Series B (right to buy)	\$ 33.33	05/26/2005	S	1,500	(2)	04/20/2006	Common Stock	3,000 (<u>3)</u>
Common Stock Warrant Series A (right to buy)	\$ 30	05/27/2005	S	1,000	(2)	04/20/2006	Common Stock	2,000 (<u>3)</u>
Common Stock Warrant Series A (right to buy)	\$ 30	05/27/2005	S	100	<u>(2)</u>	04/20/2006	Common Stock	200 (3
Common Stock Warrant Series A (right to buy)	\$ 30	05/27/2005	S	1,000	<u>(2)</u>	04/20/2006	Common Stock	2,000 (3)
Common Stock Warrant Series B (right to buy)	\$ 33.33	05/27/2005	S	1,000	<u>(2)</u>	04/20/2006	Common Stock	2,000 (3)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
2	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
DIAZ PAUL J 680 SOUTH FOURTH STREET LOUISVILLE, KY 40202	X		President and CEO				

Signatures

Paul J. Diaz	05/31/2005			
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date			

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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) This option is exercisable in cumulative equal annual installments over four years commencing 7/23/2003.
- (2) These warrants are immediately exercisable.
- (3) This amount reflects the payment of a 100% stock dividend that occurred on 5/27/2004.

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