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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC [KND] Miller Gregory C (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 680 SOUTH FOURTH STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person LOUISVILLE, Â KYÂ 40202 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Sr. V.P., Development Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 16,603 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisab	le and	3. Title and A	Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date		Securities Underlying		Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security		or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	TT: 41	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:	
			Title		Security	Direct (D)	
						or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) (1)	03/05/2005(2)	03/05/2014	Common Stock	16,000	\$ 29.72	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) (1)	07/26/2005(3)	07/26/2014	Common Stock	4,896	\$ 23.89	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) (1)	12/14/2005(4)	12/14/2014	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 26.8	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) (1)	12/14/2005(4)	04/27/2012	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 31.09	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) (1)	12/14/2005(4)	08/10/2012	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 31.14	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) (1)	12/14/2006(5)	12/14/2012	Common Stock	13,000	\$ 26.48	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Miller Gregory C 680 SOUTH FOURTH STREET LOUISVILLE Â KYÂ 40202	Â	Â	Sr. V.P., Development	Â		

Signatures

Gregory C.
Miller

**Signature of Reporting Person

O1/03/2006

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 was granted pursuant to Kindred Healthcare, Inc. 2001 Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan.
- (2) This option is exercisable in the following cumulative installments: 4,000 on 3/5/05 and 12,000 on 12/14/05.
- (3) This option is exercisable in cumulative equal annual installments over three years commencing on 7/26/05.
- (4) This option is fully vested on 12/14/05.
- (5) This option is exercisable in cumulative equal annual installments over four years commencing on 12/14/06.

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