

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC

Form 4

February 27, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CHAPMAN RICHARD E

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)
02/23/2006

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Exec VP & Chief Admin

LOUISVILLE, KY 40202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/23/2006		F		1,812	D	\$ 21.99	49,306	D
Common Stock	02/23/2006		A		14,319 (1)	A	\$ 0	63,625	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. 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.99	02/23/2006		A	4,339	02/23/2007 ⁽²⁾ 02/23/2013	Common Stock	4,339
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.99	02/23/2006		A	13,017	02/23/2008 ⁽³⁾ 02/23/2013	Common Stock	13,017

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
CHAPMAN RICHARD E 680 SOUTH FOURTH STREET LOUISVILLE, KY 40202	Director 10% Owner Officer Other Exec VP & Chief Admin

Signatures

Richard E. Chapman
02/27/2006

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 2/23/2007.
- (2) This option becomes exercisable in the following installment: 4,339 on 2/23/07.
- (3) This option becomes exercisable in the following cumulative installments: 4,339 on 2/23/08, 4,339 on 2/23/09 and 4,339 on 2/23/10.

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