

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 KAUFMAN ISAAC

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/12/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

3 NASHUA COURT, SUITE H

(Street)

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

BALTIMORE, MD 21221

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | An or Nu of |
|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---|---|--------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | | | | |
| Option Right to Buy | \$ 16 | 01/12/2009 | D ⁽¹⁾ | | | 20,000 | 05/21/2002 ⁽¹⁾ | 05/21/2011 | Common Stock | 2 |
| Option Right to Buy | \$ 12.23 | 01/12/2009 | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 26,171 | | 05/21/2002 ⁽¹⁾ | 05/21/2011 | Common Stock | 2 |
| Option Right to Buy | \$ 26 | 01/12/2009 | D ⁽²⁾ | | | 6,000 | 01/01/2003 ⁽²⁾ | 01/01/2012 | Common Stock | 6 |
| Option Right to Buy | \$ 19.87 | 01/12/2009 | A ⁽²⁾ | | 7,851 | | 01/01/2003 ⁽²⁾ | 01/01/2012 | Common Stock | 7 |
| Option Right to Buy | \$ 9.07 | 01/12/2009 | D ⁽³⁾ | | | 6,000 | 01/01/2004 ⁽³⁾ | 01/01/2013 | Common Stock | 6 |
| Option Right to Buy | \$ 6.94 | 01/12/2009 | A ⁽³⁾ | | 7,851 | | 01/01/2004 ⁽³⁾ | 01/01/2013 | Common Stock | 7 |
| Option Right to Buy | \$ 25.99 | 01/12/2009 | D ⁽⁴⁾ | | | 6,000 | 01/01/2005 ⁽⁴⁾ | 01/01/2014 | Common Stock | 6 |
| Option Right to Buy | \$ 19.87 | 01/12/2009 | A ⁽⁴⁾ | | 7,851 | | 01/01/2005 ⁽⁴⁾ | 01/01/2014 | Common Stock | 7 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KAUFMAN ISAAC 3 NASHUA COURT, SUITE H BALTIMORE, MD 21221 | X | | | |

Signatures

Isaac Kaufman 01/12/2009
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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The reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on 5/21/2001 and provides for vesting in cumulative equal annual installments over four years commencing on 5/21/2002. The amendment of the option permits the option to remain exercisable for the

- (1) original life of the option upon retirement or other similar separation of the reporting person from the Board of Directors of Kindred Healthcare, Inc. ("Kindred"). The replacement option also reflects prior adjustments under the Kindred Healthcare, Inc. 2001 Equity Plan for Non-Employee Directors (Amended and Restated) which were made upon the July 2007 spin-off of Kindred's former institutional pharmacy business.

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- (2) original life of the option upon retirement or other similar separation of the reporting person from the Board of Directors of Kindred Healthcare, Inc. ("Kindred"). The replacement option also reflects prior adjustments under the Kindred Healthcare, Inc. 2001 Equity Plan for Non-Employee Directors (Amended and Restated) which were made upon the July 2007 spin-off of Kindred's former institutional pharmacy business.

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- (3) original life of the option upon retirement or other similar separation of the reporting person from the Board of Directors of Kindred Healthcare, Inc. ("Kindred"). The replacement option also reflects prior adjustments under the Kindred Healthcare, Inc. 2001 Equity Plan for Non-Employee Directors (Amended and Restated) which were made upon the July 2007 spin-off of Kindred's former institutional pharmacy business.

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- (4) original life of the option upon retirement or other similar separation of the reporting person from the Board of Directors of Kindred Healthcare, Inc. ("Kindred"). The replacement option also reflects prior adjustments under the Kindred Healthcare, Inc. 2001 Equity Plan for Non-Employee Directors (Amended and Restated) which were made upon the July 2007 spin-off of Kindred's former institutional pharmacy business.

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