RYAN WILLIAM J
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RYAN WILLIAM J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

120 MONUMENT CIRCLE

(Street)

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
WELLPOINT INC [WLP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/10/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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			

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	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Pric Deriva Securi (Instr.

	Derivative Security			(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)								
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units (1)	$ 0 (2)	05/10/2005		A		1,846		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,846	$ 13

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RYAN WILLIAM J 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204	X			

Signatures

Nancy Purcell, Attorney-in-fact	05/12/2005
**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 phantom stock units were accrued under the WellPoint, Inc. ("Company") Board of Directors Deferred Compensation Plan ("the Plan").

(2) The Conversion or Exercise Price of the Derivative Security is 1-for-1.

(3) The phantom stock units shall be payable in Company common stock upon the first to occur of (a) five years from the date of grant or (b) the date the Reporting Person ceases to be a member of the Registrant's board of directors; unless a later date is designated in the Reporting Person's election made under the Plan in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

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