

HealthMarkets, Inc.
Form 4
March 17, 2008

FORM 4

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RYDZEWSKI PHILIP

(Last) (First) (Middle)

9151 BOULEVARD 26

(Street)

NORTH RICHLAND
HILLS, TX 76180

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

HealthMarkets, Inc. [N/A]

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

03/13/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

SVP & CAO

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	(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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Derivative
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Sec (Ins	
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 40.97	03/13/2008	A		520 <u>(1)</u>		08/02/2008	08/02/2017	Class A-1 Common Stock	520
										\$ 4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
RYDZEWSKI PHILIP 9151 BOULEVARD 26 NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TX 76180	SVP & CAO

Signatures

Philip Rydzewski By /s/ Peggy G. Simpson,
POA 03/17/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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On August 2, 2007, the Compensation Committee of the Issuer approved a grant to the reporting person of an option to purchase 4,167 shares of Class A-1 Common Stock, which would vest based on the Issuer's satisfaction of certain performance criteria, as follows: (i) 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date, (ii) 25% on the second anniversary of the grant date, (iii) 17% on the third anniversary of the grant date, (iv) 17% on the fourth anniversary of the grant date, and (v) the remaining 16% on the fifth anniversary of the grant date. On March 13, 2008, the Issuer determined that the performance criteria for the first 25% had been met to the extent of 50%, or 12.5%, which will result in vesting of the option as to 520 shares on August 2, 2008, subject to the reporting person's continued employment as of such date.

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