MOLINA HEALTHCARE INC

Form 4

September 20, 2006

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SZABO JOHN P JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

Symbol

MOLINA HEALTHCARE INC

(Check all applicable)

[MOH]

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director 10% Owner

Officer (give title Other (specify below)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

2277 FAIR OAKS BOULEVARD,

(Street)

(First)

SUITE 400

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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09/20/2006

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SACRAMENTO, CA 95825

(City)	(State) (Z	(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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or D (D) (Instr. 3,	4 and (A) or	d of	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)
Common Stock							1,000	I	By spouse $\underline{(1)}$
Common Stock	09/20/2006		S	2,250	D	\$ 36.8	13,750 (2)	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. DrNumber 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. De Se (In
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.88					04/27/2006(3)	04/27/2015	Common Stock	10,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
reporting owner rune, reduces	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SZABO JOHN P JR						
2277 FAIR OAKS BOULEVARD, SUITE 400	X					
SACRAMENTO, CA 95825						

Signatures

John P. Szabo, Jr., by Jeff D. Barlow, Attorney-in-Fact.

Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of Reporting Person

- 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).
- The 1,000 shares are held by the self-directed IRA of the reporting person's spouse.
- 3,750 of the shares are unvested. They will vest in increments of 1,250 shares on each of September 30, 2006, December 31, 2006, and March 31, 2007.

09/20/2006

Date

(3) The options vest in one-third increments on each of April 27, 2006, April 27, 2007, and April 27, 2008.

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