

APRIA HEALTHCARE GROUP INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Starck Daniel J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 APRIA HEALTHCARE GROUP INC [AHG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/07/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, Customer Services

C/O APRIA HEALTHCARE GROUP INC., 26220 ENTERPRISE COURT

(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

LAKE FOREST, CA 92630

(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) | Code V | Amount | 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)

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| 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22.75 | 03/07/2006 | | A | 20,000 ⁽¹⁾ | 03/07/2007 ⁽¹⁾ 03/06/2016 | Common Stock 20,000 |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽²⁾ | \$ 0 | 03/07/2007 | | A | 6,666 ⁽³⁾ | 12/31/2008 ⁽³⁾ 12/31/2008 | Common Stock 6,666 ⁽³⁾ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Starck Daniel J C/O APRIA HEALTHCARE GROUP INC. 26220 ENTERPRISE COURT LAKE FOREST, CA 92630 | | | EVP, Customer Services | |

Signatures

Daniel J. Starck by Raoul Smyth,
Attorney-In-Fact

03/09/2006

Date

 **Signature of Reporting Person

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) This option was granted under the issuer's 2003 Performance Incentive Plan and vests in one initial installment of 6,666 shares on March 7, 2007 and two equal installments of 6,667 shares on March 7, 2008 and March 7, 2009.
 - (2) The restricted stock units were granted under the issuer's 2003 Performance Incentive Plan. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the issuer's common stock.

This grant will vest and be paid on December 31, 2008. If certain pre-determined performance measures are achieved for the one-year period ending on December 31, 2006, up to an additional 6,667 shares will vest and be issued to the reporting person promptly following determination that the applicable performance goals have been met, and up to an additional 6,667 shares will vest and be issued on December 31, 2007.
 - (3)

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