

KLEIN JOHN H  
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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 \*  
KLEIN JOHN H

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)  
400 KELBY STREET, 10TH FLOOR

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

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

(Street)  
FORT LEE, NJ 07024

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

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

(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 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	(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 of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security
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## 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).

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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- (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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