

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC

Form 4

August 12, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BATTAFARANO FRANK J

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)
680 SOUTH FOURTH STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/10/2005

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Exec VP & Pres, Hospital Div

LOUISVILLE, KY 40202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 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	08/10/2005		A	(A) or (D) Amount 22,500 (1)	Price \$ 0	86,353 (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)**

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.14	08/10/2005		A	26,778	08/10/2006 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	26,7
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.14	08/10/2005		A	722	08/10/2009 ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	722

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BATTAFARANO FRANK J 680 SOUTH FOURTH STREET LOUISVILLE, KY 40202			Exec VP & Pres, Hospital Div	

Signatures

Frank J.
Battafarano
08/12/2005

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) These shares represent restricted stock granted to the reporting person. These shares vest in equal annual installments over four years commencing on 8/10/06.
- (2) This amount includes 50 shares owned indirectly and held jointly with his mother.
- (3) This option becomes exercisable in the following cumulative installments: 6,875 on 8/10/06, 6,875 on 8/10/07, 6,875 on 8/10/08 and 6,153 on 8/10/09.
- (4) This option becomes exercisable in the following installment: 722 on 8/10/09.

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