Fritch Herbert A Form 4 December 21, 2011

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(State)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Fritch Herbert A			Symbol HealthSpring, Inc. [HS]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
9009 CAROTH PARKWAY, S			(Month/Day/Year) 12/19/2011	X_ Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman & CEO		
	(Street)		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		
FRANKLIN, T	'N 37067			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securitie	•	` ′	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect	
(Instr. 3)	(Monay Day) Tour)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	` ' '			Beneficially Owned	Form: Direct (D)	Beneficial Ownership	
		(Wiolidi/Day/Tear)	(msu. o)				Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)	
					(A) or		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 2 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	12/19/2011		M	100,000	A		2,340,802	D		
Common Stock	12/19/2011		M	127,321	A	\$ 15.16	2,468,123	D		
Common Stock	12/19/2011		S	130,000	D	\$ 54.5 (1)	2,338,123	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table I. Non Dominating Committee Acquired Disposed of an Boneficially Over

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.5	12/19/2011		M		100,000	(2)	02/02/2016	Common Stock	100,00
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.16	12/19/2011		M		127,321	(3)	02/13/2019	Common Stock	127,32

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
. 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Fritch Herbert A 9009 CAROTHERS PARKWAY SUITE 501 FRANKLIN, TN 37067	X		Chairman & CEO				

Signatures

/s/ J. Gentry Barden, Attorney-in-Fact

**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).
- The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$54.50 to \$54.51, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to HealthSpring, Inc., any security holder of HealthSpring, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range referenced in this Footnote (1).
- (2) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 100,000 shares, became exercisable as follows: 25% on February 2, 2007; 25% on February 2, 2008; 25% on February 2, 2009; and 25% on February 2, 2010.

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(3) The option, initially representing a right to purchase a total of 254,642 shares, became exercisable (or will become exercisable) as follows: 50% on February 13, 2011; 25% on February 13, 2012; and 25% on February 13,2013.

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