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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading McCulley Steven E Issuer Symbol HUMANA INC [HUM] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title **HUMANA INC., 500 WEST MAIN** 12/30/2004 below) STREET Vice President & Controller (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting LOUISVILLE, KY 40202 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ble I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secu	urities Acqui	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y 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)	omr Dispo (Instr. 3,	sed of 4 and (A) or	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)
Humana Inc. (1)	12/30/2004		Code V M	Amount 2,064	(D)	Price \$ 15.5938	2,064	D	
Humana Inc. (1)	12/30/2004		S	2,064	D	\$ 0 (3)	0	D	
Humana Inc. (1)							393	I	See Footnote

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)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (4)	\$ 15.5938	12/30/2004		M		2,064	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Humana Common	2,064
Options (4)	\$ 19.25						01/15/2002	01/15/2009	Humana Common	6,000
Options (4)	\$ 12.995						<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Humana Common	10,000
Options (4)	\$ 9.26						(8)	(8)	Humana Common	20,000
Options (5)	\$ 21.275						(9)	(9)	Humana Common	15,000
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(10)</u>						(10)	(10)	Humana Common	7

Reporting Owners

500 WEST MAIN STREET LOUISVILLE, KY 40202

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
McCulley Steven E							
HUMANA INC.			Vice President & Controller				

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Steven E. 12/30/2004 McCulley

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

Date

- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Each share of Common Stock contains a Right adopted on March 5, 1987, pursuant to the Company Rights Agreement, as amended and restated on February 14, 1996, and amended as of May 27, 1998 and March 1, 1999, which entitles holders of the Company's Common Stock, in the event certain specified events occur, to acquire 1/100 of a share of Series A Participating Preferred Stock at a price of \$145 per fractional share.
- Stock units held for the benefit of reporting person as of November 30, 2004 under the Humana Retirement & Savings Plan including a routine disposition of shares to fund an administrative fee assessment under a Tax-Conditioned Plan, both exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
- (3) Shares sold by reporting person as follows: 1,364 shares at \$29.79 and 700 shares at \$29.78.
- (4) Right to buy pursuant to the Company's 1996 Stock Incentive Plan for Employees.
- (5) Right to buy pursuant to Humana Inc.'s 2003 Stock Incentive Plan.
- Non-qualified stock options granted to reporting person on 9/17/98, all fully vested with 2,064 expiring on 1/12/05, 2,751 expiring on 1/9/07 and 4,350 expiring on 1/15/08.
- (7) Non-qualified stock options granted to reporting person on 3/13/02, vesting in three increments from 3/13/03 to 3/13/05.
- (8) Non-qualified stock options granted to reporting person on 3/13/03, vesting in three increments from 3/13/04 to 3/13/06.
- (9) Non-qualified stock options granted to reporting person on 2/24/04, vesting in three increments from 2/24/05 to 2/24/07.
- Phantom Stock Units held for the benefit of reporting person as of November 30, 2004, based on the value of Humana common stock on a 1-for-1 basis, under the Humana Excess Plan exempt under Rule 16b-3(c and d).

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