FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  BAYER TERRY						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  MOLINA HEALTHCARE INC [ MOH ]										ck all applic	r		10% Ow	ner/	
(Last) 2277 FA		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/29/2006										X Officer (give title Other (spelow)  Chief Operating Officer									
(Street) SACRAMENTO CA 95825 (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Tab	le I - Noi	n-Deriv	/ative	e Se	curiti	es A	car	uired.	Disi	oosed o	of. or Bo	enef	iciall	Owned	<u> </u>				
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Common Stock 12/29/					9/200	2006				A <sup>(1)</sup>		94	A	A \$32.		16,8	16,846(2)		D		
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Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$44.29								07/	01/2006 <sup>(3</sup>	3) 0	7/01/2015	Common Stock	21,	,000		21,000	0	D		
Stock Options (Right to	\$28.66								02/	02/2007 <sup>(</sup>	4) 0	2/02/2016	Common	21,	,000		21,000	0	D		

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The shares were acquired under the Molina Healthcare, Inc. 2002 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- $2.\,4,\!000\ of\ the\ shares\ are\ unvested,\ vesting\ in\ full\ on\ 9/27/2007.\ In\ addition,\ 5,\!000\ of\ the\ vested\ shares\ are\ subject\ to\ a\ restriction\ on\ transfer\ until\ August\ 2,\ 2007.$
- 3. One-third of the options vest on each of 7/1/2006, 7/1/2007, and 7/1/2008.
- 4. One-third of the options vest on each of 2/2/2007, 2/2/2008, and 2/2/2009.

<u>Terry Bayer, by Jeff D. Barlow,</u> <u>Attorney-in-Fact.</u>

01/03/2007

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

 $\label{lem:Reminder:Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.$ 

- \* 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).

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Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Mark L. Andrews and Jeff D. Barlow, and each acting singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- 1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director and/or stockholder of Molina Healthcare, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms ID, 3, 4, and 5 and amendments thereto in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder; and
- 2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Forms ID, 3, 4, or 5 or amendment thereto and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and any stock exchange or similar authority.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms ID, 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transaction in securities of the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact. This Power of Attorney may be filed with the SEC as a confirming statement of the authority granted herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 8th day of October, 2004.

/s/ Terry Bayer Signature

Terry Bayer Printed Name

Exhibit 24.1