

KUNTZ EDWARD L
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FORM 4

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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 *
KUNTZ EDWARD L

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)
12/07/2005

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

LOUISVILLE, KY 40202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/07/2005		M		13,714 A \$ 15.91	149,305	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005		M		38,592 A \$ 11.03	187,897	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005		M		6,286 A \$ 15.91	194,183	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005		S		100 D \$ 27.01	194,083	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005		S		6,106 D \$ 27	187,977	D

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Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	100	D	\$ 26.99	187,877	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	1,300	D	\$ 26.98	186,577	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	700	D	\$ 26.97	185,877	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	600	D	\$ 26.96	185,277	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	500	D	\$ 26.95	184,777	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	300	D	\$ 26.93	184,477	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	500	D	\$ 26.92	183,977	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 26.91	182,977	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	2,500	D	\$ 26.9	180,477	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 26.89	178,477	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 26.88	176,477	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	1,900	D	\$ 26.87	174,577	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	1,800	D	\$ 26.86	172,777	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	700	D	\$ 26.85	172,077	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	200	D	\$ 26.84	171,877	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	300	D	\$ 26.83	171,577	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	100	D	\$ 26.81	171,477	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	400	D	\$ 26.8	171,077	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	3,300	D	\$ 26.79	167,777	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	3,900	D	\$ 26.78	163,877	D
	12/07/2005	S	6,800	D		157,077	D

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Common Stock						\$ 26.77	
Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	9,200	D	\$ 26.76	147,877	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	5,400	D	\$ 26.75	142,477	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	400	D	\$ 26.74	142,077	D
Common Stock	12/07/2005	S	200	D	\$ 26.73	141,877	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)

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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.91	12/07/2005		M	13,714	07/23/2003 ⁽¹⁾	07/23/2012	Common Stock	13,714
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.03	12/07/2005		M	38,592	07/22/2004 ⁽²⁾	07/22/2013	Common Stock	38,592
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.91	12/07/2005		M	6,286	07/23/2005 ⁽³⁾	07/23/2012	Common Stock	6,286

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KUNTZ EDWARD L 680 SOUTH FOURTH STREET LOUISVILLE, KY 40202	X		Executive Chairman	

Signatures

Edward L.
Kuntz

12/08/2005

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) This option is exercisable in the following installments: 20,000 on 7/23/03, 20,000 on 7/23/04, 13,714 on 7/23/05 and 13,714 on 7/23/06.
- (2) This option is exercisable in the following installments: 38,592 on 7/22/04, 38,592 on 7/22/05 and 38,592 on 7/22/06.
- (3) This option becomes exercisable in the following installments: 6,286 on 7/23/05 and 6,286 on 7/23/06.

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