

BATTAFARANO FRANK J  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**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)  
**02/19/2008**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Exec VP & Pres, Hospital Div**

**LOUISVILLE, KY 40202**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (D) Price		
Common Stock	02/19/2008		A		4,453 (1) \$ 0	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2008		A		20,000 (2) \$ 0	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.83	02/19/2008		A	3,806	02/19/2011 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/19/2015	Common Stock	3,806
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.83	02/19/2008		A	7,612	02/19/2009 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/19/2015	Common Stock	7,612
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.83	02/19/2008		A	65	02/19/2011 <sup>(5)</sup>	02/19/2015	Common Stock	65
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.83	02/19/2008		A	14,935	02/19/2009 <sup>(6)</sup>	02/19/2015	Common Stock	14,935

## 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

02/20/2008

\*\*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 approximately equal annual installments over four years commencing on 2/19/09.
- (2) These shares represent restricted stock granted to the reporting person. These shares vest in approximately equal annual installments over three years commencing on 2/19/09.
- (3) This option becomes exercisable in the following installment: 3,806 on 2/19/11.
- (4) This option becomes exercisable in the following cumulative installments: 3,806 on 2/19/09 and 3,806 on 2/19/10.
- (5) This option becomes exercisable in the following installment: 65 on 2/19/11.
- (6) This option becomes exercisable in the following cumulative installments: 5,000 on 2/19/09, 5,000 on 2/19/10 and 4,935 on 2/19/11.

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