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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Wilkins Anne Marie | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HEALTHWAYS, INC [HWAY] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|---|----------|----------|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | |
| 701 COOL SE BOULEVARI | | | (Month/Day/Year) 02/12/2009 | Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specification) below) EVP, Marketing & Strategy | | |
| | (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, TN 37067 | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) (Z | Zip) Table | I - Non-De | erivative S | ecuritie | s Acq | uired, Disposed o | of, or Beneficial | ly 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (23.5.1) | (1110111 1) |
| Restricted stock units | 02/12/2009 | | A | 21,531 (1) | A | \$0 | 41,531 | 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)

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| Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of | | Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) | | Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|---|--------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|
| | Security | | | | (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Share | |
| Option to Buy | \$ 11.57 | 02/12/2009 | | A | 43,363 | 02/12/2010(1) | 02/12/2019 | Common Stock | 43,363 | |

5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and

7. Title and Amount of

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------|--|--|--|
| • 0 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Wilkins Anne Marie | | | EVP, | | | | |
| 701 COOL SPRINGS BOULEVARD | | | Marketing & | | | | |
| FRANKLIN, TN 37067 | | | Strategy | | | | |

Signatures

1. Title of 2.

/s/ Mary A. Chaput, by power of attorney for Anne M.
Wilkins

02/13/2009

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

**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) Options/restricted stock units vest 25% per year beginning on 2/12/2010.

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