

MAGELLAN HEALTH SERVICES INC  
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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 \*  
 MCBRIDE WILLIAM J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 MAGELLAN HEALTH SERVICES INC [MGLN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 150 GOLF HOUSE ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/16/2006

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

HAVERFORD, PA 19041  
 (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 (A) or (D) Price		
Ordinary Common Stock, \$0.01 par value <sup>(1)</sup>	05/16/2006		A		750 <sup>(2)</sup> A \$ 0 6,469	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.21	05/16/2006 <sup>(3)</sup>		A	5,856	05/16/2007 <sup>(4)</sup> 05/16/2016	Common Stock	5,856

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCBRIDE WILLIAM J 150 GOLF HOUSE ROAD HAVERFORD, PA 19041	X			

## Signatures

/s/ William  
McBride

05/17/2006

\*\*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) The restricted shares were granted pursuant to the 2006 Director Equity Compensation Plan approved by the shareholders of the Issuer on May 16, 2006.
- (2) Shares shall vest fully in one year from the date of grant.
- (3) The option grant was made pursuant 2006 Director Equity Compensation Plan approved by the shareholders of the Issuer on May 16, 2006. As per the plan, the exercise price of the options was the fair market value on the date of grant determined by using the average of the opening and closing price of the Issuer's Ordinary Common Stock on NASDAQ on May 16, 2006.
- (4) Options vest and become exercisable one year from the date of grant.
- (5) Not applicable.

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