

WELLPOINT INC
Form 8-K
January 16, 2009

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 16, 2009

WELLPOINT, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-16751
(Commission File Number)

120 Monument Circle

35-2145715
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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Indianapolis, IN 46204

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (317) 488-6000

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 2 Financial Information

Item 2.05 Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities

On January 16, 2009, WellPoint, Inc. (the Company) announced that it will reduce its workforce by approximately 1,500 positions. The Company is reducing its workforce in response to the ongoing economic downturn as it continues to manage its business for long-term success.

The Company anticipates that the fourth quarter 2008 after-tax charge related to the workforce reduction will be approximately \$24 million and all of such amount is expected to be paid out in cash during 2009.

A copy of the press release relating to this announcement is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is being furnished herewith:

Exhibit	Description
99.1	Company Press Release dated January 16, 2009

SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT UNDER THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995

The Company and its representatives may from time to time make written and oral forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (PSLRA), including statements in this report, in presentations, press releases, filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, and reports to shareholders and in meetings with analysts and investors. The projections referenced in this report are forward-looking and they are intended to be covered by the safe harbor for forward-looking statements provided by PSLRA. Words such as expect(s), feel(s), believe(s), will, may, anticipate(s), intend, estimate, project and similar expressions are used to identify forward-looking statements, which generally are not historical in nature. These statements include, but are not limited to, financial projections and estimates and their underlying assumptions; statements regarding plans, objectives and expectations with respect to future operations, products and services; and statements regarding future performance. Such statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, many of which are difficult to predict and generally beyond our control, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied or projected by, the forward-looking information and statements. These risks and uncertainties include those discussed and identified in our public filings with the SEC; and, risks and uncertainties regarding estimated severance costs, including changes in the actual number as compared to the assumed number for the Company's tax rate, amount

of severed employees and amount payable to severed employees. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements that speak only as of the date hereof. Except to the extent otherwise required by federal securities law, we do not undertake any obligation to republish revised forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: January 16, 2009

WELLPOINT, INC.

By: /s/ John Cannon

Name: John Cannon

Title: Executive Vice President and General Counsel