

MORELLO JAMES J  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>ProAssurance Corporation (PRA)</b>				6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
<b>Morello, James J.</b>			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)				<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)							4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <b>03/12/2003</b>		<b>Chief Accounting Officer and Senior Vice-President</b>	
<b>100 Brookwood Place</b>							5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)			
(Street)			<b>Birmingham, AL 35209</b>				7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)			
(City) (State) (Zip)							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

**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 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
ProAssurance (Common Stock)	03/11/03		S		162	D	22.80	15,589	D	
ProAssurance (Common Stock)								271	I	Stock Plan <sup>(1)</sup>
ProAssurance (Common Stock)								4,755	I	ProAssurance pension Plan
ProAssurance (Common Stock)								3,148	I	IRA w/Sterne, Agee & Leach

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**FORM 4 (continued) 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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	24.68	06/27/01		J <sup>(2)</sup>				12/03/97	12/03/07	Common Stock	3,067			D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	26.03	06/27/01		J <sup>(2)</sup>				12/03/98	12/03/08	Common Stock	2,480			D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	21.01	06/27/01		J <sup>(2)</sup>				12/09/99	12/09/09	Common Stock	2,403			D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	16.80	01/15/02		A				<sup>(3)</sup>	01/15/12	Common Stock	40,000			D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	22.00	03/04/03		A				<sup>(4)</sup>	03/04/13	Common Stock	12,500		60,450	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

(1) Reflects total holdings in the Grant Shares Account maintained under the ProAssurance Corporation Stock Ownership Plan which is exempt under Rule 16b-3.

(2) Reflects options to purchase shares of ProAssurance Corporation common stock acquired beneficially by the reporting person in exchange for surrender of options to purchase shares of Professionals Group in connection with the consolidation of Medical Assurance Inc. and Professionals Group under the ownership of ProAssurance Corporation. The acquisition of options to purchase ProAssurance Corporation shares reported herein is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act, as amended (the "ACT"), by virtue of Rule 16b-3(d) promulgated under the Act.

(3) The options vest in five equal installments commencing on July 15, 2002.

(4) The options vest in five equal installments commencing on September 4, 2003.

By: /s/ **James J. Morello**

**3/12/03**

Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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