

LYTLE L BEN
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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 *
LYTLE L BEN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

HEALTHWAYS, INC., 3841
GREEN HILLS VILLAGE DRIVE

(Street)

NASHVILLE, TN 37215

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HEALTHWAYS, INC [HWAY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/17/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | | |
| Common Stock | 09/17/2007 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,761 | D | |
| | | | | | \$ 51.39 | | |
| | | | | | 121,544 | | |
| | | | | | ⁽²⁾ | | |

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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| 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LYTLE L BEN HEALTHWAYS, INC. 3841 GREEN HILLS VILLAGE DRIVE NASHVILLE, TN 37215 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Mary A. Chaput, by power of attorney for L. Ben Lytle 12/18/2007

**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) Forfeiture of shares pursuant to the Indemnity Escrow Agreement entered into on October 11, 2006 in connection with Company's acquisition of Axia Health Management, Inc. The shares were forfeited to settle pre-closing taxes as set forth in the Stock Purchase Agreement dated October 11, 2006.
 - (2) In accordance with the Indemnity Escrow Agreement, the price represents the average of the Company's closing price for the five trading days prior to September 17, 2007, the date the claim was resolved.

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