

AMERICAN MEDICAL SECURITY GROUP INC
Form SC 13D/A
April 05, 2002

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

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 3)

American Medical Security Group, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, no par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

027 44P 101

(CUSIP Number)

Thomas R. Hefty
President and Chief Executive Officer
Cobalt Corporation
401 West Michigan Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Persons Authorized to Receive
Notices and Communications)

March 22, 2002

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP No. 027 44P 101

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc.
Cobalt Corporation
Blue Cross & Blue Shield United of Wisconsin

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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

Not applicable

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. - Wisconsin
Cobalt Corporation - Wisconsin
Blue Cross & Blue Shield United of Wisconsin - Wisconsin

7 SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF SHARES
Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. - 0
Cobalt Corporation - 0
Blue Cross & Blue Shield United of Wisconsin - 4,909,525

8 SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY
Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. - 0
Cobalt Corporation - 0
Blue Cross & Blue Shield United of Wisconsin - 0

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
EACH REPORTING PERSON
Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. - 0
Cobalt Corporation - 0
Blue Cross & Blue Shield United of Wisconsin - 4,909,525

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH
Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. - 0
Cobalt Corporation - 0
Blue Cross & Blue Shield United of Wisconsin - 0

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11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. - 4,909,525
Cobalt Corporation - 4,909,525
Blue Cross & Blue Shield United of Wisconsin - 4,909,525

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

39.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. - CO
Cobalt Corporation - CO
Blue Cross & Blue Shield United of Wisconsin - CO

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ITEM 1. Security and Issuer.

This statement on Schedule 13D (this "Schedule 13D") relates to the shares of common stock, no par value per share ("Common Stock"), of American Medical Security Group, Inc., a Wisconsin corporation (the "Issuer"). The principal executive offices of the Issuer are located at 3100 AMS Boulevard, Green Bay, WI 54313.

ITEM 2. Identity and Background.

(a)-(c) This statement is being filed by

(i) Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc.
(the "Foundation")
410 E. Doty Street, Madison, WI 53701

The Foundation is a Wisconsin social welfare organization and a Wisconsin non-stock corporation.

(ii) Cobalt Corporation ("Cobalt")
401 West Michigan Street, Milwaukee, WI 53203

Cobalt is a publicly traded managed care company and a Wisconsin corporation.

(iii) Blue Cross & Blue Shield United of Wisconsin
("BCBSUW")
401 West Michigan Street, Milwaukee, WI 53203

BCBSUW is an insurance company and a Wisconsin corporation.

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(d) During the past five years, no member of the Group has been convicted in a criminal proceeding.

(e) During the past five years, no member of the Group has been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities

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laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

ITEM 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

The Foundation and Cobalt became beneficial owners of the Common Stock in connection with the conversion of BCBSUW from a Wisconsin service insurance corporation to a Wisconsin stock insurance corporation. BCBSUW previously owned 6,309,525 shares of Common Stock prior to the sale of shares of Common Stock by BCBSUW to the Issuer described in Item 4 hereof, and subsequent to such sale owns 4,909,525 shares of Common Stock. In connection with the conversion, Cobalt became the owner of 100% of the issued and outstanding common stock of BCBSUW and the Foundation became the owner of 77.5% of the issued and outstanding common stock of Cobalt. Consequently, both the Foundation and Cobalt are deemed to be beneficial owners of the 4,909,525 shares of Common Stock now owned by BCBSUW.

ITEM 4. Purpose of Transaction.

General. On March 22, 2002 (the "Closing Date"), BCBSUW sold 1,400,000 shares of Common Stock to the Issuer for \$13.00 per share, or an aggregate purchase price of \$18,200,000. The purchase and sale was consummated pursuant to the terms of a Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of March 19, 2002, by and among Cobalt, BCBSUW and the Issuer (the "Agreement"). As part of the Agreement, BCBSUW agreed to withdraw its notice of its intent to nominate directors at the Issuer's next annual meeting of shareholders. The Agreement is filed as an exhibit to this Amendment to Schedule 13D and is incorporated herein by reference.

Board Representation. In addition to the purchase and sale of the shares, pursuant to the Agreement the Issuer appointed Thomas R. Hefty and Kenneth L. Evason to become directors of the Issuer, effective on March 22, 2002. Mr. Hefty was appointed to the class of directors whose terms expire at the Issuer's second annual meeting of shareholders following the Closing Date, and Mr. Evason was appointed to the class of directors whose terms expire at the Issuer's third annual meeting of shareholders following the Closing Date.

The Agreement also provides that Cobalt and BCBSUW will be entitled to designate (i) two nominees to the Issuer's Board of Directors (the "Board") for so long as BCBSUW beneficially owns 20% or more of the then outstanding shares of Common Stock and (ii) one nominee to the Board for so long as BCBSUW beneficially owns 10% or more, but less than 20%, of the then issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock. In each case, such nominee(s) must be reasonably acceptable to the Issuer, and the Issuer will use its best efforts to take all action

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necessary so that such BCBSUW nominees will be nominated for election or re-election to the Board, as the case may be. If BCBSUW at any time beneficially owns less than 10% of the then issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock, then BCBSUW will not be entitled to designate any directors to the Board, and BCBSUW will cause each BCBSUW-nominated director to immediately resign from the Board. Mr. Hefty (or his successor) will resign effective upon date that BCBSUW owns less than 20% of the then issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock and Mr. Evason (or his successor) will resign effective immediately upon the date that BCBSUW owns less than 10% of the then issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock.

Certain Agreements. In addition to the Board representation rights described above, and subject to the right of BCBSUW and Cobalt to earlier terminate such covenants as described below under "Right to Terminate Certain

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Covenants," the Agreement provides that, for so long as BCBSUW shall have at least one BCBSUW-nominated director on the Board, Cobalt and BCBSUW will not, and will cause their respective directors, officers, affiliates and, on their behalf, representatives, agents and advisors not to, directly or indirectly:

- o purchase, offer to purchase or otherwise acquire or offer or agree to acquire any shares of Common Stock or other securities of the Issuer which are entitled to vote generally for the election of directors, or any securities which are convertible or exchangeable into or exercisable for any securities of the Issuer which are entitled to vote generally for the election of directors (the Common Stock, together with such other securities, are referred to herein as "Voting Securities");
- o (i) (a) make, or in any way participate, directly or indirectly, in any solicitation of proxies or consents, (b) seek to advise, encourage or influence any person with respect to the voting of any Voting Securities, or (c) initiate, propose or otherwise solicit shareholders of the Issuer, in each case for (1) the election of persons to the Board or (2) the approval of shareholder proposals; or (ii) induce or attempt to induce any other person to initiate any such solicitation or otherwise communicate with the Issuer's shareholders pursuant to Rule 14a-2(a) or (b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended;
- o without the prior consent of the Issuer, seek, propose, or make any statement that is critical of management of the Issuer or reasonably likely to be publicly disclosed with respect to, certain extraordinary corporate transactions involving the Issuer;
- o call or seek to have called any meeting of the shareholders of the Issuer;
- o otherwise act to control or seek to control or influence or seek to influence the management, Board or policies of the Issuer (other than with respect to their Board representation rights under the Agreement), or make any statement that is critical of any of the persons nominated by the Board for election as directors of the Issuer;
- o seek representation on the Board, or seek the removal of any member of the Board or a change in the composition or size of the Board (other than with respect to their Board representation rights under the Agreement);

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- o make any publicly disclosed proposal, comment, statement or communication, or make any proposal, comment, statement or communication in a manner that would require any public disclosure by the Issuer, BCBSUW, Cobalt or any other person, or enter into any discussion with any person, regarding any of the foregoing; or
- o have any discussions or communications, or enter into any arrangements, understandings or agreements (whether written or oral) with, or advise, finance, assist, encourage or act in concert with, any other person in connection with any of the foregoing or make any investment in any person for the purpose of engaging in any of the foregoing, or take any action inconsistent with the foregoing.

Voting. BCBSUW and Cobalt also agreed that, until the date on which BCBSUW beneficially owns less than 10% of the then issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock and each BCBSUW-nominated director shall have resigned from the Board, all of the additional shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by BCBSUW ("Additional Shares") will be present, in person or by proxy, at all meetings of shareholders of the Issuer at which directors will be elected in order to

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participate in a quorum at such meetings, and will be voted on the election of directors at any such meeting in favor of each of the nominees recommended by the Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) BCBSUW may vote Additional Shares as it determines, in its sole discretion, on any matter other than the election of directors, and (ii) BCBSUW may vote Additional Shares as it determines, in its sole discretion, on the election of directors in the event that the Issuer shall then be in material breach of its obligations under Section 6.01 of the Agreement.

Right to Terminate Certain Covenants. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Agreement, BCBSUW has the right, effective at any time after December 31, 2002, upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Issuer, to terminate the covenants and agreements set forth in Sections 4.01 and 4.02 of the Agreement and described above under "Certain Agreements" (other than certain covenants and agreements with respect to the election of directors, which may not be terminated in any case until after December 31, 2003). However, if the Issuer is at any time in material breach of the Agreement, BCBSUW has the right at any time after the date of the Agreement, upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Issuer, to terminate the covenants and agreements set forth in Sections 4.01 and 4.02 of the Agreement and described above under "Certain Agreements" (other than those covenants which may not be terminated in any case until after December 31, 2003). Additionally, in the event of any termination of such covenants under the provisions described in this paragraph, each BCBSUW-nominated director then serving as a director on the Board will resign from the Board, effective immediately on the date on which such notice of termination is given, and BCBSUW's rights to continued Board representation under the Agreement will terminate.

Secondary Sale. Cobalt, BCBSUW and the Issuer further agreed to promptly cooperate to prepare and file with the SEC a registration statement to effect the registration and sale of at least 3,000,000 Additional Shares, with the exact number of Additional Shares to be sold to be as many Additional Shares as the underwriters in such offering advise may be sold therein (the

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"Secondary Sale"), and to cause such registration statement to become effective under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, as expeditiously as possible following the date of the Agreement. The parties further agreed to use commercially reasonable efforts to complete the Secondary Sale as promptly as reasonably practicable on commercially reasonable terms, mutually acceptable to the parties. The registration of Additional Shares will generally be conducted pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Registration Rights Agreement by and between BCBSUW and the Issuer dated as of September 1, 1998. Except for all underwriters' discounts, fees and commissions related to the Secondary Sale, which will be borne exclusively by BCBSUW, all reasonable out-of-pocket fees and expenses associated with the registration up to an aggregate of \$650,000 will be borne by the Issuer, and any such expenses incurred in excess of \$650,000 will be borne equally by the Issuer and BCBSUW.

Rights Agreement Amendment. If upon consummation of the Secondary Sale BCBSUW owns more than 12% of the then issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock, the Issuer will execute an amendment to the Rights Agreement between the Issuer and Firststar Bank, N.A., dated as of August 9, 2001, as amended (the "Rights Agreement"), which will provide that the definition of "Acquiring Person" thereunder will be amended to mean any person beneficially owning such percentage of issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock as is equal to the lesser of (i) 20% of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock or (ii) the percentage (rounded up to the nearest whole number) of the then issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by BCBSUW immediately upon consummation of the Secondary Sale.

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The Foundation is not a party to and did not participate in the negotiation of the Agreement. The Foundation is not responsible for the completeness or accuracy of the information contained herein regarding Cobalt or BCBSUW, and has no reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

ITEM 5. Interests in Securities of the Company.

(a) Each member of the Group is deemed to be the beneficial owner of the 4,909,525 shares of Common Stock owned by BCBSUW which represents 39.1% of the issued and outstanding Common Stock.

(b) (i) Number of shares as to which the Foundation has:

sole voting power - 0
shared voting power - 0
sole dispositive power - 0
shared dispositive power - 0

(ii) Number of shares as to which Cobalt has:

sole voting power - 0
shared voting power - 0
sole dispositive power - 0

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shared dispositive power - 0

(iii) Number of shares as to which BCBSUW has:

sole voting power - 4,909,525
shared voting power - 0
sole dispositive power - 4,909,525
shared dispositive power - 0

(c) No member of the Group has made any transaction in the Common Stock during the past sixty days except as reported in Item 4 hereof. Reference is made to the information set forth in Item 4 hereof, which information is incorporated by reference herein in response to this Item.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

ITEM 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Company.

Cobalt and BCBSUW entered into the Agreement with the Issuer which contains certain voting and other obligations and restrictions with respect to the shares of Common Stock owned by BCBSUW, as more fully described in Item 4 hereof. Reference is made to the information set forth in Item 4 hereof, which information is incorporated by reference herein in response to this Item.

ITEM 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Exhibit 1 Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of March 19, 2002, among BCBSUW, Cobalt and the Issuer (incorporated by reference to Cobalt's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed March 26, 2002).

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Exhibit 2 Press Release, dated March 19, 2002, issued by the Issuer and Cobalt (incorporated by reference to Cobalt's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed March 26, 2002).

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

WISCONSIN UNITED FOR HEALTH
FOUNDATION, INC.

By: /s/ Ben Brancel

Ben Brancel
President

COBALT CORPORATION

By: /s/ Thomas R. Hefty

Thomas R. Hefty
Chief Executive Officer

BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD UNITED
OF WISCONSIN

By: /s/ Stephen E. Bablitch

Stephen E. Bablitch
Senior Vice President and
General Counsel

Dated: March 29, 2002

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