

LEEDLE BEN R JR
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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 *
LEEDLE BEN R JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)
701 COOL SPRINGS BOULEVARD
(Street)

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/21/2012

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)
President & CEO

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 |
| Restricted Stock Units | 02/21/2012 | | A | | 75,000 (1) | A | \$ 0 |
| | | | | | 146,582 | 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)

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount |
| Option to Buy | \$ 7.47 | 02/21/2012 | | A | | 150,000 | | 02/21/2013 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/21/2022 | Common Stock | 150,000 |
| Option to Buy ⁽²⁾ | \$ 9.96 ⁽²⁾ | 02/21/2012 | | A | | 135,000 | | 02/21/2014 ⁽³⁾ | 02/21/2022 | Common Stock | 135,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LEEDLE BEN R JR 701 COOL SPRINGS BOULEVARD FRANKLIN, TN 37067 | X | | President & CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Alfred Lumsdaine, by power of attorney for Ben R. Leedle, Jr.

02/23/2012

^{**}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) Options/restricted stock units vest 25% per year beginning on 2/21/2013.

(2) Performance Award granted by the Board of Directors as a special retention grant. Exercise price is approximately 33% above the Company's closing stock price on the grant date.

(3) Award vests 30% on 2/21/2014, 30% on 2/21/2016, and 40% on 2/21/2018.

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