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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 *
 Sassi Brian A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE
 (Street)

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 WELLPOINT, INC [WLP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/01/2011

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 Cons, EVP

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 or Price		
Common Stock	03/01/2011		F		2,479 (1)	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2011		A		8,048 (2)	A	
Common Stock	03/02/2011		F		6,442 (1)	D	
Common Stock					6,241.23 (3)	I	Stock Units Held In 401(k) Plan

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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)

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 65.98	03/01/2011		A	20,335	<u>(4)</u> 03/01/2018	Common Stock 20,335

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Sassi Brian A 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204	Director 10% Owner Officer Other President & CEO Cons, EVP

Signatures

/s/ Kathleen S. Kiefer, Attorney
in fact 03/03/2011

__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) PAYMENT OF TAX LIABILITY BY WITHHOLDING STOCK INCIDENT TO THE VESTING OF PREVIOUSLY GRANTED RESTRICTED STOCK.
- (2) Represents restricted share units. Restrictions lapse as follows: 2,682 on 3/1/12; and 2,683 each on 12/10/12 and 3/1/14.
- (3) The information in this report is based on the plan trustees calculation of units held, as of March 1, 2011.
- (4) Exercisable in five installments of 3,389 each on 9/1/11, 3/1/12, 9/1/12, 3/1/13 and 9/1/13 and one installment of 3,390 on 3/1/14.

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