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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

HealthMarkets, Inc. [N/A]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * COCOZZA NANCY G

(First) (Last)

9151 BOULEVARD 26

(Street)

(Middle)

(Month/Day/Year) 03/13/2008

Symbol

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) Executive VP

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(I)

(Instr. 4)

Person

5. Amount of

Securities

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TX 75093

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities

3. (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code

(Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

or

Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

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7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date

7. Title and Amount of 8 Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		S
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option	\$ 39.49	03/13/2008		A	3,937 (1)		03/30/2008	03/20/2017	Class A-1 Common Stock	3,937	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

COCOZZA NANCY G 9151 BOULEVARD 26 NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TX 75093

Executive VP

Signatures

Nancy G. Cocozza By /s/ Peggy G. Simpson, POA

03/17/2008

**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).
- On March 30, 2007, the Compensation Committee of the Issuer approved a grant to the reporting person of an option to purchase 31,500 shares of Class A-1 Common Stock, which would vest based on the Issuer's satisfaction of certain performance criteria, as follows: (i) 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date, (ii) 25% on the second anniversary of the grant date, (iii) 17% on the third anniversary of
- (1) the grant date, (iv) 17% on the fourth anniversary of the grant date, and (v) the remaining 16% on the fifth anniversary of the grant date. On March 13, 2008, the Issuer determined that the performance criteria for the first 25% had been met to the extent of 50%, or 12.5%, which will result in vesting of the option as to 3,937 shares on March 30, 2008, subject to the reporting person's continued employment as of such date.

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