

BASCH JEFFREY W  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**BASCH JEFFREY W**  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
**6300 WILSON MILLS ROAD**  
  
(Street)  
  
**MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OH 44143**  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**PROGRESSIVE CORP/OH/ [PGR]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**09/11/2009**

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)  
**Vice Pres.& Chief / Accounting Officer**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common	09/11/2009		M	V	14,605 A \$ 4.3801	D	
Common	09/11/2009		S		14,605 D \$ 16.8137	D	
Common					2,727.743	I	401(k) Plan

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
2000 Employee Option	\$ 4.3801	09/11/2009		M	14,605	(2) 12/31/2009	Common	14,605	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BASCH JEFFREY W 6300 WILSON MILLS ROAD MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OH 44143			Vice Pres.& Chief	Accounting Officer

## Signatures

David M. Coffey, by Power of Attorney  
Date: 09/14/2009

\*\*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) The price reported in Column 4 is the weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$16.78 to \$16.825, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to The Progressive Corporation, any security holder of The Progressive Corporation, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this Footnote 1.

(2) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning January 1, 2003.

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