#### HIPWELL ARTHUR P

Form 4

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See Instruction 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HIPWELL ARTHUR P		_	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol HUMANA INC [HUM]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
HUMANA INC., 500 WEST MAIN STREET		EST MAIN	12/27/2004	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Sr VP & General Counsel		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities omr Dispose (Instr. 3, 4	d of (I	<b>D</b> )	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)
Humana Common	12/27/2004		G	2,000	D D	\$ 0	94,539	D	
Humana Common	12/28/2004		G	1,575	D	\$ 0	92,964	D	
Humana Common	12/28/2004		M	104,198	A	\$ 0 (3)	197,162	D	
Humana Common	12/28/2004		F	19,568	D	\$ 29.48	177,594	D	

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<u>(1)</u>								
Humana Common	12/28/2004	F	47,926	D	\$ 29.355	129,668	D	
Humana Common	12/27/2004	G	1,050	A	\$ 0	1,350	I	See Footnote (2)
Humana Common						18,696	I	See Footnote

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of ionDerivative 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
Options (5)	\$ 15.5938	12/28/2004		M		68,800	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Humana Common	68,800
Options (5)	\$ 15.5938						<u>(7)</u>	01/15/2008	Humana Common	4,316
Options (5)	\$ 9.5938	12/28/2004		M		18,731	<u>(8)</u>	09/09/2009	Humana Common	18,731
Options (5)	\$ 12.995						<u>(9)</u>	03/13/2012	Humana Common	45,000
Options (5)	\$ 9.26	12/28/2004		M		16,667	(10)	03/13/2013	Humana Common	16,667

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Options (11)	\$ 21.275	<u>(12)</u>	02/24/2014	Humana Common	60,000
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(13)</u>	<u>(13)</u>	(13)	Humana Common	9,498

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HIPWELL ARTHUR P HUMANA INC. 500 WEST MAIN STREET LOUISVILLE, KY 40202			Sr VP & General Counsel				

# **Signatures**

Arthur P.
Hipwell

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Arthur P.

12/28/2004

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).
- Each share of Common Stock contains a Right adopted on March 5, 1987, pursuant to the Company Rights Agreement, as amended and restated on February 14, 1996, and amended as of May 27, 1998 and March 1, 1999, which entitles holders of the Company's Common Stock, in the event certain specified events occur, to acquire 1/100 of a share of Series A Participating Preferred Stock at a price of \$145 per fractional share.
- (2) Shares held on behalf of minor children.
- (3) Shares acquired by reporting person through exercises as follows: 68,800 options at \$15.5938; 18,731 options at \$9.5938; and 16,667 options at \$9.26.
- (4) Shares held for the benefit of reporting person as of November 30, 2004 under the Humana Retirement & Savings Plan including a routine disposition of shares to fund an administrative fee assessment under a Tax-Conditioned Plan, both exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
- (5) Right to buy pursuant to the Company's 1996 Stock Incentive Plan for Employees.
- Non-Qualified stock options granted to reporting person on 9/17/98, fully vested on 9/1/99 with 68,800 options expiring on 1/12/05, 36,680 options expiring on 1/9/2007 and 21,784 options expiring on 1/15/2008.
- (7) Incentive stock options granted to reporting person on 9/17/98 and fully vested on 9/1/99.
- (8) Incentive and Non-Qualified stock options granted to reporting person on 9/9/99 and fully vested on 9/9/02.
- (9) Incentive and Non-Qualified stock options granted to reporting person on 3/13/02, vesting in three increments each from 3/13/03 to 3/13/05.
- (10) Incentive and Non-Qualified stock options granted to reporting person on 3/13/03, NQ options vesting in three increments from 3/13/04 to 3/13/06, and ISO's vesting on 3/13/06.
- (11) Right to buy pursuant to the Company's 2003 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (12) Incentive and Non-Qualified stock options granted to reporting person on 2/24/04, NQ options vesting in three increments from 2/24/05 to 2/24/07, and ISO's vesting on 2/24/07.

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(13) Phantom Stock Units held for the benefit of reporting person as of November 30, 2004 based on the value of Humana common stock on a 1-for-1 basis, under the Humana Excess Plan exempt under Rule 16b-3(c and d).

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