

Kirby Thomas D
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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 *
 Kirby Thomas D

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3760 KILROY AIRPORT WAY,
 SUITE 300

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/16/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

(Street)
 LONG BEACH, CA 90806

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	02/16/2012		G	1,000	D	\$ 0	70,627	D
Common Stock	02/16/2012		M	3,600	A	\$ 37.52	74,227	D
Common Stock	02/16/2012		S	3,600	D	\$ 40.3508 <u>(1)</u>	70,627	D
Common Stock	02/17/2012		M	12,623	A	\$ 27.52	83,250	D
Common Stock	02/17/2012		S	12,623	D	\$ 40.4071	70,627	D

(2)

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 27.52	02/16/2012		M	3,600	(3) 03/15/2014	Common Stock	3,600
Employee Stock Option	\$ 27.52	02/17/2012		M	12,623	(3) 03/15/2014	Common Stock	12,623

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kirby Thomas D 3760 KILROY AIRPORT WAY, SUITE 300 LONG BEACH, CA 90806			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

Eric J. Stambol, Power of Attorney for Thomas D. Kirby
Date: 02/21/2012

**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) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at sale prices ranging from \$40.35 to \$40.365. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote 1

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and 2 to this Form 4.

- (2) Represents the weighted average sale price ranging from \$40.33 to \$40.45.
- (3) Options vest 20% annually commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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