KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **GARRISON GARRY N**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC

(Check all applicable)

[KND]

(Middle)

(Zip)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

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

01/10/2007

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

4242 NE SAVANNAH ROAD

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

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

JENSEN BEACH, FL 34957

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1.Title of

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or

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

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year) Security or Exercise Code Securities any

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired Derivative (A) or Security Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title Amount Date or Number of Shares Option Common 01/10/2008(2) 01/10/2017 (Right to \$ 25.38 01/10/2007 A 5,000 5,000 Stock Buy) (1)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GARRISON GARRY N

4242 NE SAVANNAH ROAD X

JENSEN BEACH, FL 34957

Signatures

Garry N. 01/11/2007 Garrison

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) This option was granted pursuant to the Kindred Healthcare, Inc. 2001 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors (Amended and Restated).
- (2) This option is exercisable in cumulative equal annual installments over four years commencing on 1/10/08.

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