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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 * Wilkins Anne Marie

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

HEALTHWAYS, INC [HWAY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

701 COOL SPRINGS

(Month/Day/Year)

12/30/2008

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

BOULEVARD

4. If Amendment, Date Original

EVP, Marketing & Strategy 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

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

Person

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

(City) (State) (Zip) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Street)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(Instr. 4)

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

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

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 (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date Number of Shares Option Common 40.000 05/12/2012 05/12/2015 D 40,000 \$ 31.24 12/30/2008 to Buy Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Wilkins Anne Marie EVP,
701 COOL SPRINGS BOULEVARD Marketing &
FRANKLIN, TN 37067 Strategy

Signatures

/s/ Mary A. Chaput, by power of attorney for Anne
Wilkins
01/02/2009

**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) On December 30, 2008, the issuer cancelled, pursuant to the issuer's option purchase program, an option granted to the reporting person on May 12, 2008. In exchange for the option, the reporting person received \$65,200.

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