

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC  
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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 \*  
**LECHLEITER RICHARD A**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC [KND]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**680 SOUTH FOURTH STREET**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/31/2005**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Executive VP and CFO**

**LOUISVILLE, KY 40202**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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**

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	05/31/2005		M		28,650 A \$ 16	95,733	D
Common Stock	05/31/2005		S		5,000 D \$ 38.42	90,733	D
Common Stock	05/31/2005		S		5,000 D \$ 38.37	85,733	D
Common Stock	05/31/2005		S		5,000 D \$ 38.35	80,733	D
Common Stock	05/31/2005		S		4,000 D \$ 38.42	76,733	D

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Common Stock	05/31/2005	S	3,000	D	\$ 38.454	73,733	D
Common Stock	05/31/2005	S	2,550	D	\$ 38.5	71,183	D
Common Stock	05/31/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 38.15	69,183	D
Common Stock	05/31/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 38.363	67,183	D
Common Stock	05/31/2005	S	1,406	D	\$ 38.16	65,777	D
Common Stock	05/31/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 38.45	63,777	D
Common Stock	05/31/2005	S	100	D	\$ 38.44	63,677	D
Common Stock	05/31/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 38.15	61,677	D
Common Stock	05/31/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 38.1	60,677	D
Common Stock	05/31/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 38.28	59,677	D

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16	05/31/2005		M	28,650	05/21/2002 <sup>(1)</sup>	05/21/2006	Common Stock	28,650

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LECHLEITER RICHARD A 680 SOUTH FOURTH STREET LOUISVILLE, KY 40202			Executive VP and CFO	

## Signatures

Richard A.  
Lechleiter

06/02/2005

\_\_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) This option is exercisable in cumulative equal annual installments over three years commencing 5/21/02.

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