

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC
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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 *
 FRANKLIN MUTUAL ADVISERS LLC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC [(KIND)]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 101 JOHN F. KENNEDY PARKWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/10/2006

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

SHORT HILLS, NJ 07078

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of Derivative	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 28.89	01/10/2006	A ⁽²⁾		5,000		01/10/2007 ⁽³⁾	01/10/2016	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FRANKLIN MUTUAL ADVISERS LLC 101 JOHN F. KENNEDY PARKWAY SHORT HILLS, NJ 07078			X	

Signatures

By: Bradley D. Takahashi, Vice President of Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC 03/03/2006

__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 was granted pursuant to the Kindred Healthcare, Inc. 2001 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors (Amended and Restated).
The grant was made to an employee of Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC ("FMA") and previously reported on a Form 4 by such employee.
- (2) In accordance with FMA's internal policy, all cash and non-cash compensation issued to FMA's employee in connection with his service on the Issuer's Board of Directors will be distributed directly to FMA's advisory clients. Under the advisory contracts with FMA, FMA retains sole voting and investment power over these securities.
- (3) This option is exercisable in cumulative equal annual installments over four years commencing on 01/10/07.
- (4) See Exhibit 99.1 for text of footnote, which text is incorporated by reference herein.

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