

Penny Pamela J  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Penny Pamela J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/ [HCC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/08/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & Chief Accounting Officer

C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC., 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY

(Street)

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

HOUSTON, TX 77040

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock					13,516	D	
Common Stock	08/08/2012		M		23,900	A	\$ 20.86
Common Stock	08/08/2012		S		23,900	D	\$ 32.5886 (1)
Common Stock	08/09/2012		M		12,200	A	\$ 20.86

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Common Stock 08/09/2012 S 12,200 D \$ 32.613 (2) 13,516 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase (3)	\$ 31.11					(4) 03/02/2013	Common Stock 50,000
Option to Purchase (5)	\$ 26.91					(6) 11/15/2017	Common Stock 50,000
Option to Purchase (5)	\$ 20.86	08/08/2012		M	23,900	(7) 11/19/2014	Common Stock 100,000
Option to Purchase (5)	\$ 20.86	08/09/2012		M	12,200	(7) 11/19/2014	Common Stock 100,000

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Penny Pamela J C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC. 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY HOUSTON, TX 77040			EVP & Chief Accounting Officer	

## Signatures

Alexander M Ludlow as Attorney in Fact for Pamela J.  
Penny

08/10/2012

\_\_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 \$32.5886 represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$32.49 to \$32.632. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price will be provided to the SEC, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer upon request.
- (2) The price \$32.613 represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$32.51 to \$32.667. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price will be provided to the SEC, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer upon request.
- (3) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2001 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (4) The options vest equally annually beginning 03/02/2008 @ 10,000 shares per year.
- (5) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2008 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (6) The options vest equally annually beginning 11/15/2012 @ 10,000 shares per year.
- (7) The options vest equally annually beginning 11/19/2009 @ 20,000 shares per year.

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