

MORELLO JAMES J
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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 *
MORELLO JAMES J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PROASSURANCE CORP [PRA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/11/2004

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Treasurer / Senior Vice-President

C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION, 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE

(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
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BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/11/2004		F ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	3,423 D \$ 38.52	26,692	D	
Common Stock	11/11/2004		M ⁽²⁾	5,000 A \$ 38.52	30,115	D	

Common Stock

4,755 I

Shares held in the ProAssurance Group Savings and Retirement Plan

Common Stock	3,148	I	Owned in Reporting Person's IRA
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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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.28					09/10/2004 ⁽³⁾	09/10/2014	Common Stock	12,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22	11/11/2004		M	5,000	09/04/2003 ⁽⁴⁾	03/04/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.8					07/15/2002 ⁽⁵⁾	01/15/2012	Common Stock	16,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.01					06/27/2001	12/09/2009	Common Stock	2,403 <u>(6)</u>
Employee Stock Option	\$ 26.03					06/27/2001	12/01/2008	Common Stock	2,480 <u>(6)</u>

(Right to Buy)

Employee Stock

Option \$ 24.68

(Right to Buy)

06/27/2001 12/02/2007 Common Stock 3,067 (6)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MORELLO JAMES J C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811			Treasurer	Senior Vice-President

Signatures

James J. Morello 11/12/2004

__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 3,423 shares disposed of reflect 2,856 shares withheld by the issuer to fund the cashless exercise of 5,000 options on 11/11/04, and 567 shares withheld by the issuer to cover the associated tax liability.
- (2) Cashless exercise of options on 9/7/2004
- (3) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2004
- (4) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 4, 2003
- (5) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on July 15, 2002

Reflects options to purchase shares of ProAssurance Corporation common stock acquired beneficially by the reporting person in exchange for surrender of options to purchase shares of Medical Assurance, Inc. in connection with the consolidation of Medical

- (6) Assurance, Inc. and Professionals group under the ownership of ProAssurance Corporation. The acquisition of options to purchase ProAssurance shares reported herein is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act, as amended (the "Act"), by virtue of Rule 16b-3(d) promulgated under the Act.

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