

SIERRA HEALTH SERVICES INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 MACDONALD ERIN E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SIERRA HEALTH SERVICES INC [SIE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 2724 N. TENAYA WAY  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/17/2006

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

LAS VEGAS, NV 89128  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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**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	(A) or (D)				Price
Common Stock	05/17/2006		M		33,332	A	\$ 5.825	96,062.52	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2006		S		33,332	D	\$ 40.0079	62,730.52	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2006		M		10,000	A	\$ 6.305	72,730.52	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2006		S		10,000	D	\$ 40.0079	62,730.52	D	
Common Stock								31,809.58	I	By 401(k) Plan

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 5.825	05/17/2006		M	33,332	12/10/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> 12/09/2012	Common	33,332
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 6.305	05/17/2006		M	10,000	04/14/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> 04/13/2013	Common	10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MACDONALD ERIN E 2724 N. TENAYA WAY LAS VEGAS, NV 89128		X		

## Signatures

Erin E. MacDonald/Jayne Primaky POA 05/18/2006

\*\*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).

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- (1) Exercise of options granted in consideration for services under the Company's 1995 Long-Term Incentive Plan, which meets the requirements of, and which transactions are exempted by, Rule 16b-3 and Rule 16b-6(b).
- (2) Exercisable as to 33 1/3% on each of 12/10/03, 12/10/04 and 12/10/05.
- (3) Exercisable as to 25% on each of 4/14/04, 4/14/05, 4/14/06 and 4/14/07.

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