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WELLPOINT INC  
Form 8-K  
January 06, 2005

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 6, 2005

WELLPOINT, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

001-16751  
(Commission  
File Number)

35-2145715  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

120 Monument Circle  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (317) 488-6000

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 (b) Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

The Board of Directors of WellPoint, Inc. (the Corporation ) has accepted notice from Elizabeth A. Sanders, a member of the Board of Directors, that she intends to retire as of the date of the Corporation s upcoming 2005 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: January 6, 2005

WELLPOINT, INC.

By: /s/ David R. Frick  
Name: David R. Frick

Title: Executive Vice President and

Chief Legal and Administrative Officer