

MACDONALD ERIN E
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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)
08/24/2005

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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. 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	08/24/2005		M		10,000	A	\$ 3.75
Common Stock	08/24/2005		S		10,000	D	\$ 68
Common Stock							15,908.3
						I	By 401(k) Plan

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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)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 3.75	08/24/2005		M	10,000	05/17/2001 ⁽³⁾ 05/16/2010	Common Stock 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
08/25/2005

**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) Includes 237 shares acquired in June 2005 under the Sierra Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

(2) Grant of options 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).

(3) Exercisable as to 20% on each of 5/17/01, 5/17/02, 5/17/03, 5/17/04 and 5/17/05.

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