

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BATTAFARANO FRANK J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC [KND]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
680 SOUTH FOURTH STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/23/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Exec VP & Pres, Hospital Div

LOUISVILLE, KY 40202

(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	02/23/2006		F	2,285 D \$ 21.99	84,068 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2006		A	16,244 ⁽²⁾ A \$ 0	100,312 ⁽¹⁾	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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