UNITED STATES OMB APPROVAL SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB Number: 3235-0101 Washington, D.C. 20549 Expires: December 31, 2006 **FORM 144** Estimated average burden hours per response. 4.47 NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF SECURITIES **PURSUANT TO RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933** SEC USE ONLY DOCUMENT SEQUENCE NO. ATTENTION: Transmit for filing 3 copies of this form concurrently with either placing an order with a broker to execute sale or executing a sale directly with a market maker. CUSIP NUMBER 1 (a) NAME OF ISSUER (Please type or print) (b) IRS IDENT. NO. (c) S.E.C. WORK LOCATION Humana Inc 61-0647538 FILE NO. 1-5975 1 (d) ADDRESS OF ISSUER STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE (e) TELEPHONE AREA CODE NUMBER 580-1000 500 West Main Street Louisville ΚY 40202 (c) RELATIONSHIP TO 2 (a) NAME OF PERSON FOR WHOSE ACCOUNT THE SECURITIES (b) IRS (d) ADDRESS STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE ARE TO BE SOLD W. Ann Reynolds, Ph.D. IDENT. NO. 500 W. Main Street ISSUER Louisville KY 40202 N/A Director INSTRUCTION: The person filing this notice should contact the issuer to obtain the I.R.S. identification Number and the S.E.C. File Number (g) USE ONLY Approximate Date of Sale Title of the Name and Address of Each Broker Through Whom the Number of Shares Aggregate Market Number of Name of Each Broker-Dealer (See Instr. 3(f)) (MO. DAY YR.) Securities Are To Be Offered or Each Market Maker who is or Other Units Shares Securities Class of Securities Acquiring the Securities File Number To Be Sold Value or Other Units Exchange To Be Sold (See Instr. 3 (c)) (See Instr. 3(d) Outstanding (See Instr. 3(e)) Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith 4.000 \$117,380 159.804.724 December 21, 2004 NYSE (Based on FMV on as of 12/16/04 4 World Financial Center-5th Floor New York, NY 10080 12/17/04 of \$29.345) 3. (a) Title of the class of securities to be sold INSTRUCTIONS: (a) Name of Issue Name and Address of each broker through whom the securities are intended to be sold (b) Issuer's I.R.S. Identification Number (c) Issuer's S.E.C. file number, if any (c) Number of shares or other units to be sold (if debt securities, give the aggregate face amount) (d) Aggregate market value of the securities to be sold as of a specified date within 10 days prior to the filling of this notice (e) Number of shares or other units of the class outstanding, or if debt securities the face amount thereof outstanding, as shown by the most recent report or statement published by the issuer (d) Issuer's address, including zip code (e) Issuer's telephone number, including area code (f) Approximate date on which the securities are to be sold (g) Name of each securities exchange, if any, on which the securities are intended to be sold (a) Name of person for whose account the securities are to be sold (b) Such person's I.R.S. identification number, if such person is an entity (c) Such person's relationship to the issuer (e.g., officer, director, 10%

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TABLE I - SECURITIES TO BE SOLD Furnish the following information with respect to the acquisition of the securities to be sold and with respect to the payment of all or any part of the purchase price or other consideration therefor.								
Title of the Class	Date you Acquired	Nature of Acquisition Transaction	Name of the Person from Whom Acquired (if gift, also give date donor acquired	Amount of Securities Acquired	Date of Payment	Nature of Payment		
Common	12/21/04(1)	Stock Option Exercise	Issuer	5,000	12/21/04(1)	Cash		
INSTRUCTIONS		If the securities were purchased and full payment therefor was not made in cash at the time of purchase, explain in the table or in a note thereto the nature of the consideration given. If the consideration consisted of any note or other obligation, or if payment was made in installments describe the arrangement and state when the note or other obligation was discharged in full or the last installment paid.						

stockholder, or member of immediate family of any of the foregoing (d) Such person's address, including zip code

TABLE II - SECURITIES SOLD DURING THE PAST 3 MONTHS (1) Furnish the following information as to all securities of the issuer sold during the past 3 months by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold.							
Name and Address of Seller	Title of Securities Sold	Date of Sale	Amount of Securities Sold	Gross Proceeds			
N/A							

INSTRUCTIONS:	ATTENTION:		
See the definition of "person" in paragraph (a) 9 of Rule 144. Information is to be given not only as to the person for whose account the securities are to be sold but also as to all other persons included in that definition. In addition, information shall be given as to sales by all persons whose sales are required by paragraph (e) of Rule 144 to be aggregated with sales for the account of the person filing this notice.	represents by signing this notice that he does not know any material adverse information in regard to the current and prospective operations of the issuer of the securities to be sold which has not been publicly		
12/20/04	/s/ W. Ann Reynolds, Ph.D.		
DATE OF NOTICE	(SIGNATURE)		

REMARKS: (1) Reporting person will exercise between 12/21/04 and 01/03/05.

This notice shall be signed by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold. At least one copy of the notice shall be manually signed.

Any copies not manually signed shall bear typed or printed signatures.

ATTENTION: Intentional misstatements or omission of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001)

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