

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No.)*

HUMANA INC

(Name of Issuer)
COMMON STOCK

(Title of Class of Securities)

44485910-2

(CUSIP Number)

Check the following if a fee is being paid with this statement (X) (A fee is not required only if the filing person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7).

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1.	Name of Reporting Person	
	S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person	
	ARK ASSET MANGEMENT CO., INC.	

2.	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group *	(a)
		(b)

3.	SEC Use Only	

4.	Citizenship or Place of Organization	
	New York	

	5. Sole Voting Power	
	9,176,400 SHARES	
Number Of Shares	-----	
	6. Shared Voting Power	
Beneficially	NONE	
Owned By	-----	

Each	7. Sole Dispositive Power 11,533,400 SHARES
Reporting Person	8. Shared Dispositive Power NONE
With	

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person	11,713,300 SHARES

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares*	

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 9	7.2 %

12. Type of Reporting Person*	I.A.

*See Instruction Before Filling Out

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The filing of this statement shall not be construed as an admission that Ark Asset Management Co., Inc. is the beneficial owner of the securities covered by such statement.

- ITEM 1 (a). Name of Issuer
HUMANA INC.
- ITEM 1 (b). Address of Issuer
500 WEST MAIN STREET
P.O. BOX 1438
LOUISVILLE, KY 40201-1438
- ITEM 2 (a). Name of Person Filing
ARK ASSET MANAGEMENT CO., INC.
- ITEM 2 (b). Address of Principal Business Office
One New York Plaza
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10004
- ITEM 2 (c). Place of Organization.
NEW YORK
- ITEM 2 (d). Title of Class of Securities
COMMON
- ITEM 2 (e). Cusip Number
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- ITEM 3. (a) Ark Asset Management Co., Inc. is an investment advisor registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.
- ITEM 4. Ownership
- (a) Amount Beneficially owned 11,713,300 SHARES
(b) Percent of Class: 7.2 %

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(1) Sole power to vote: 9,176,400 SHARES

(2) Shared power to vote: NONE

(3) Sole power to dispose of or to direct
the disposition of: 11,533,400 SHARES

(4) Shared power to dispose or to direct the
disposition of: NONE

ITEM 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

Not Applicable

ITEM 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Not Applicable

ITEM 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired
the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company

Not Applicable

ITEM 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not Applicable

ITEM 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not Applicable

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ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION

By signing below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: 2/3/97

SIGNATURE /S/ S. JAY MERMELSTEIN

Name: S.Jay Mermelstein
Title: Chief Operating Officer

