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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, \$0.166 par value			
(Title of Class of Securities)			
444859102			
(CUSIP Number)			
(cobil Nambel)			
December 31, 2006			
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)			
Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:			
[X] Rule 13d-1(b)			
[_] Rule 13d-1(c)			
[_] Rule 13d-1(d)			
*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			

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CUSIP No. 44485910	 2 	13G		
1. Name of Reporting Person I.R.S. Identification No. of above Person				
Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P.				
2. Check the Appr			(a) [_] (b) [_]	
3. SEC Use Only				
4. Citizenship or Delaware	Place of Organizati	Lon		
	5. Sole Voting Po	 ower		
Number of	8,291,145			
Shares	6. Shared Voting	Power		
Beneficially	o. Shared voting	rower		
Owned by	Ü			
Each	7. Sole Dispositi			
Reporting	10,297,474	1		
Person -	8. Shared Disposi	itive Power		
With:	0			
9. Aggregate Amou	nt Beneficially Owne	ed by Each Reporting Pers	on	
10,297,47	4			
LO. Check if the A	ggregate Amount in E	Row (9) Excludes Certain	Shares	
			[_]	
11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)				
6.2%				
2. Type of Reporting Person				
IA				

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Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

500 West Main Street Louisville, KY 40202

- Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock, \$0.166 par value
- Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a :
  - (a).[\_] Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act  $(15~\mathrm{U.S.C.}~78\mathrm{o})$ .
  - (b).[ $\_$ ] Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
  - (c).[\_] Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).

  - (e).[X] An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1 (b) (1) (ii) (E);
  - (f).[\_] An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1 (b) (1) (ii) (F);
  - (g).[\_] A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);

  - (i).[\_] A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
  - (j).[] Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

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## Item 4. Ownership. \*

- (c). Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i). Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: See the response(s) to Item 5 on the attached cover page(s).
  - (ii). Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: See the response(s) to Item 6 on the attached cover page(s).
  - (iii). Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition

of: See the response(s) to Item 7 on the attached cover page(s).

(iv). Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: See the response(s) to Item 8 on the attached cover page(s).

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

Item 10. Certification.

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

\* In accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Release No. 34-39538 (January 12, 1998), this filing reflects the securities beneficially owned by Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P. ("GSAM LP"). GSAM LP, an investment advisor, disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities managed, on GSAM LP's behalf, by third parties.

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## SIGNATURE

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

Date: February 1, 2007

GOLDMAN SACHS ASSET MANAGEMENT, L.P.

By: /s/ Lauren LoFaro

Name: Lauren LoFaro Title: Attorney-in-fact

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Exhibit No. Exhibit

99.1 Power of Attorney, dated December 19, 2006, relating to Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P.

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Exhibit (99.1)

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that GOLDMAN SACHS ASSET MANAGEMENT, L.P. (the "Company") does hereby make, constitute and appoint each of Ronald L. Christopher and Lauren LoFaro, (and any other employee of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. or one of its affiliates designated in writing by one of the attorneys-in-fact), acting individually, its true and lawful attorney, to execute and deliver in its name and on its behalf whether the Company is acting individually or as representative of others, any and all filings required to be made by the Company under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, (as amended, the "Act"), with respect to securities which may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the Company under the Act, giving and granting unto each said attorney-in-fact power and authority to act in the premises as fully and to all intents and purposes as the Company might or could do if personally present by one of its authorized signatories, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY shall remain in full force and effect until either revoked in writing by the undersigned or until such time as the person or persons to whom power of attorney has been hereby granted cease(s) to be an employee of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. or one of its affiliates.

IN WITNESS  $\,$  WHEREOF,  $\,$  the undersigned has duly subscribed these presents as of December 19, 2006.

GOLDMAN SACHS ASSET MANAGEMENT, L.P.

By:/s/ Ellen R. Porges

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Name: Ellen R. Porges Title: Managing Director

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