

FLAHERTY JAMES F III
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FORM 4

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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 *
 FLAHERTY JAMES F III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HCP, INC. [HCP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3760 KILROY AIRPORT WAY,
 SUITE 300
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/16/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President & CEO / Chairman

LONG BEACH, CA 90806

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 or Price		
Common Stock	02/16/2012		S ⁽¹⁾		9,400	D	
					\$ 40.2404 ⁽²⁾		
Common Stock	02/16/2012		M ⁽¹⁾		290,600	A	
					\$ 25.52		
Common Stock	02/16/2012		S ⁽¹⁾		290,600 ⁽³⁾	D	
					\$ 40.2535 ⁽⁴⁾		
Common Stock	02/17/2012		S ⁽¹⁾		9,000	D	
					\$ 40.187 ⁽⁵⁾		
	02/17/2012		M ⁽¹⁾		108,620	A	
					\$ 25.52		

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The reported option exercises and stock sales were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on June 1, 2011.

(2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at sale prices ranging from \$40.01 to \$40.40. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes 2, 4, 5 and 6 to this Form 4.

(3) These shares were acquired upon the exercise of options and were sold immediately following exercise to facilitate the reporting person's payment of the exercise price of the options and applicable tax withholding obligations. The net proceeds to the reporting person, after payment of the exercise price of \$10,188,094.40 and taxes of \$2,719,617.41, amounted to \$3,138,567.85.

(4) Represents the weighted average sale price ranging from \$40.00 to \$40.60.

(5) Represents the weighted average sale price ranging from \$39.935 to \$40.44.

(6) Represents the weighted average sale price ranging from \$40.00 to \$40.20.

(7) Options vest 20% annually commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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