WELLPOINT INC Form 8-K January 06, 2005

#### **UNITED STATES**

### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 6, 2005

### WELLPOINT, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| Indiana<br>(State or other | 001-16751<br>(Commission | 35-2145715<br>(IRS Employer |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| jurisdiction of            | File Number)             | Identification No.)         |
| incorporation)             |                          |                             |

120 Monument Circle

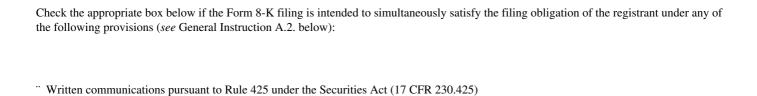
Indianapolis, IN 46204

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (317) 488-6000

### N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)



- " Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

### Item 5.02 (b) Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

The Board of Directors of WellPoint, Inc. (the Corporation ) has accepted notice from Elizabeth A. Sanders, a member of the Board of Directors, that she intends to retire as of the date of the Corporation s upcoming 2005 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: January 6, 2005

WELLPOINT, INC.

By: /s/ David R. Frick Name: David R. Frick

Title: Executive Vice President and

Chief Legal and Administrative Officer