RENAL CARE GROUP INC

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MCMURRAY STEPHEN D Issuer Symbol RENAL CARE GROUP INC [RCI] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title 12007 HADDINGTON COURT 12/16/2004 below) (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting FORT WAYNE, IN 46804 Person

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | e I - Non-I | Derivative | Secui | rities Acqu | ired, Disposed of | , or Beneficiall | y 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. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3, | ispose 4 and (A) or | d of (D) 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) |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2004 | | M | 2,250 (1) | A | \$ 10.625 (2) | 44,288 (1) | I (1) | spouse |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2004 | | S | 2,250 (1) | D | \$ 35.8 | 42,038 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 10.625 | 12/16/2004 | | M | 2,250 (2) | (3) | 09/19/2010 | Common Stock | 2,250 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| MCMURRAY STEPHEN D 12007 HADDINGTON COURT FORT WAYNE, IN 46804 | X | | | | | | |

Signatures

Stephen D.

McMurray

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Options exercised and shares sold by the reporting person's spouse. The reporting person owns directly 42,038 shares.
- (2) Adjusted to reflect a 3-for-2 stock split on May 24, 2004.
- Options granted September 19, 2000 and vested as to 20% of the shares on the date of grant and an additional 20% on each successive anniversary date.

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