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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Fritch Herbert A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 9009 CAROTHERS
 PARKWAY, SUITE 501
 (Street)

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HealthSpring, Inc. [HS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/19/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership: Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/19/2011		M		100,000 A \$ 19.5	2,340,802	D
Common Stock	12/19/2011		M		127,321 A \$ 15.16	2,468,123	D
Common Stock	12/19/2011		S		130,000 D \$ 54.5 (1)	2,338,123	D

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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 Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.5	12/19/2011		M	100,000	<u>(2)</u>	02/02/2016	Common Stock	100,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.16	12/19/2011		M	127,321	<u>(3)</u>	02/13/2019	Common Stock	127,321

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Fritch Herbert A 9009 CAROTHERS PARKWAY SUITE 501 FRANKLIN, TN 37067	X		Chairman & CEO	

Signatures

/s/ J. Gentry Barden,
Attorney-in-Fact

12/21/2011

__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) The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$54.50 to \$54.51, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to HealthSpring, Inc., any security holder of HealthSpring, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range referenced in this Footnote (1).
- (2) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 100,000 shares, became exercisable as follows: 25% on February 2, 2007; 25% on February 2, 2008; 25% on February 2, 2009; and 25% on February 2, 2010.

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- (3) The option, initially representing a right to purchase a total of 254,642 shares, became exercisable (or will become exercisable) as follows: 50% on February 13, 2011; 25% on February 13, 2012; and 25% on February 13, 2013.

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