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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Giordano Jason K

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

02/27/2009

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

HealthMarkets, Inc. [N/A]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P., Â 345 PARK **AVENUE, 31ST FLOOR**

(Street)

10% Owner _X_ Director Officer

(Check all applicable)

Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

NEW YORK. NYÂ 10154

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Class A-1 common stock, par value \$0.01 per

share

 $D^{(1)}$

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security**

Conversion Ownership or Exercise Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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(Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Derivative Security: Date **Expiration Title** Amount or Direct (D) Security Exercisable Number of or Indirect Shares (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Giordano Jason K

C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P.
345 PARK AVENUE, 31ST FLOOR

NEW YORK, NYÂ 10154

Signatures

/s/ James S. Thompson (by Power of Attorney) 03/09/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 Reporting Person does not beneficially own any securities of the issuer, directly or indirectly.

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