FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* GOLDSTEIN GEORGE S PHD				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MOLINA HEALTHCARE INC [MOH]						(Che	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner Officer (size title Check (specify))						
	LINA HEA	irst) LTHCARE, INC ORE DRIVE	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/10/2004					X	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive Vice President						
(Street) LONG B	SEACH C	A tate)	90802 (Zip)	4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						Line)	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																
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						Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transacti (Instr. 3 a	on(s)			(Instr. 4)			
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																	
Derivative Conversion Da		3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr.		of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e Ownersh s Form: ally Direct (D or Indirect (I) (Instr.	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$25.33	02/10/2004		A		30,000		02/10/2005 ⁽¹⁾	02/10/2014	Common Stock	30,000	\$25.33	30,000	0	D		
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$4.5							(2)	12/01/2011	Common Stock	160,000		160,00	00	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The option vests one-third on each of 2/10/05, 2/10/06 and 2/10/07.
- 2. The option became fully exercisable upon the closing of the initial public offering of the issuer.

George S. Goldstein, Ph.D., by
Karen Calhoun, Attorney-InFact pursuant to the Power of
Attorney attached hereto as
Exhibit 24.

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * 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).

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Exhibit 24

LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SECTION 16(a) FILINGS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Nicholas Arbuckle and Karen Calhoun, and each acting singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- 1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director and/or stockholder of Molina Healthcare, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 and amendments thereto in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder; and
- 2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5 or amendment thereto and timely file such form with the Unit

ed States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and any stock exchange or similar authority.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's re sponsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transaction in securities of the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact. This Power of Attorney may be filed with the SEC as a confirming statement of the authority granted herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 21 day of July, 2003.

/s/ George S. Goldstein, Ph.D. Signature

George S. Goldstein, Ph.D.

Printed Name