FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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LANDGRAF GERALD	2. Date of Event Requiring Stateme Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2004	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MOLINA HEALTHCARE INC [MOH]						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 2277 FAIR OAKS BOULEVARD, SUITE			4. Relationship of Reporting Perso (Check all applicable) Director	10% Owne	er (Mo	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
440 (Street)			X Officer (give title below) CEO/Pres of Molin	Other (spe below) a of NM	Apı	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person		
SACRAMENTO CA 95825 (City) (State) (Zip)						Form filed b Reporting P	y More than One erson	
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned								
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			Amount of Securities eneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
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 Securi Underlying Derivative Securi		4. Conversior or Exercise Price of	Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned.

<u>Gerald Landgraf, by Jeff D.</u> <u>Barlow, Attorney-in-Fact.</u>

09/03/2004

** 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 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).

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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SECTION 16(a) FILINGS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Mark L. Andrews and Jeff D. Barlow, 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 ID, 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 ID, 3, 4, or 5 or amendment thereto and timely file such form with the United 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 responsibilities 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 ID, 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 18th day of August, 2004.

/s/ Gerald Landgraf Signature

Gerald Landgraf Printed Name

Exhibit 24.1