

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

Form 8-K

Current Report

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date Of Report (Date Of Earliest Event Reported): 12/27/2004

MOLINA HEALTHCARE INC

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Commission File Number: 001-31719

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(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

134204626

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

Molina Healthcare, Inc., One Golden Shore Drive, Long Beach, CA 90802

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

916 646 9193

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act(17CFR240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events

On December 27, 2004, Molina Healthcare, Inc. issued a press release announcing that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Molina Healthcare of Indiana, Inc., had been awarded a Certificate of Authority by the Indiana Department of Insurance licensing Molina Healthcare of Indiana to operate as a health maintenance organization in Indiana. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 -- Press Release dated December 27, 2004.

Signature(s)

Pursuant to the Requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the Undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MOLINA HEALTHCARE INC

Date: December 27, 2004.

By: /s/ Mark L. Andrews

Mark L. Andrews
Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and
Corporate Secretary

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.	Description
EX-99.1	Press Release dated December 27, 2004.

News Release

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MOLINA HEALTHCARE OF INDIANA

AWARDED STATE HMO LICENSE

LONG BEACH, California (December 27, 2004) -- Molina Healthcare, Inc. (NYSE: MOH) announced today that its wholly owned subsidiary, Molina Healthcare of Indiana, Inc., has been awarded a Certificate of Authority by the Indiana Department of Insurance licensing Molina Healthcare of Indiana to operate as a health maintenance organization in the state. The license award precedes the implementation of a two-year contract to provide Medicaid services within thirteen mandatory managed care counties commencing January 1, 2005. Molina Healthcare of Indiana anticipates the initial generation of revenues under the contract to occur by the second quarter of 2005 following the assignment to it of Medicaid enrollees by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning.

About Molina Healthcare, Inc.

Molina Healthcare, Inc. is a growing, multi-state managed care organization that arranges for the delivery of healthcare services to persons eligible for Medicaid and other programs for low-income families and individuals. Molina Healthcare, Inc. currently operates health plans in California, Washington, Michigan, Utah, and New Mexico. More information on Molina Healthcare, Inc. can be obtained at www.molinahealthcare.com.

This press release contains forward-looking statements and information. All forward-looking statements are predictions by the Company's management and are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially. Such risks include those associated with the assignment to Molina Healthcare of Indiana of a sufficient number of Medicaid enrollees, the development of an adequate provider network, the successful expansion of Molina Healthcare of Indiana's service area, the recruitment and retention of qualified personnel in Indiana, the successful execution of the Company's growth strategy, changes in federal or state laws or regulations or the interpretation thereof, and other risks as detailed in the Company's periodic reports and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. All forward-looking statements in this release represent the Company's judgment as of the date of this release. The Company disclaims any intent or obligation to update its forward-looking statements.