

Penny Pamela J
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Penny Pamela J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/ [HCC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 EVP & Chief Accounting Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC., 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/07/2012

(Street)
 HOUSTON, TX 77040

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock					13,516	D	
Common Stock	11/07/2012		M	14,000 A	\$ 31.11 27,516	D	
Common Stock	11/07/2012		S	14,000 D	\$ 35.159 13,516	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 or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase <u>(2)</u>	\$ 31.11	11/07/2012		M	14,000	<u>(3)</u>	03/02/2013	Common Stock	50,000
Option to Purchase <u>(4)</u>	\$ 26.91					<u>(5)</u>	11/15/2017	Common Stock	50,000
Option to Purchase <u>(4)</u>	\$ 20.86					<u>(6)</u>	11/19/2014	Common Stock	100,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Penny Pamela J
C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.
13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY
HOUSTON, TX 77040

EVP & Chief Accounting Officer

Signatures

Alexander M Ludlow as Attorney in Fact for Pamela J.
Penny

11/08/2012

**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 \$35.159 represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$35.070 to \$35.23. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price will be provided to the SEC, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer upon request.

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- (2) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2001 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (3) The options vest equally annually beginning 03/02/2008 @ 10,000 shares per year.
- (4) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2008 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (5) The options vest equally annually beginning 11/15/2012 @ 10,000 shares per year.
- (6) The options vest equally annually beginning 11/19/2009 @ 20,000 shares per year.

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