

MORELLO JAMES J  
Form 4  
November 12, 2004

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MORELLO JAMES J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PROASSURANCE  
CORPORATION, 100  
BROOKWOOD PLACE

(Street)

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

PROASSURANCE CORP [PRA]

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

11/11/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_X\_\_ Other (specify below)

Treasurer / Senior Vice-President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_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**

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)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	11/11/2004		F <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		3,423	D	\$ 38.52	26,692 D
Common Stock	11/11/2004		M <sup>(2)</sup>		5,000	A	\$ 38.52	30,115 D

Common  
Stock

4,755

I

Shares held in  
the  
ProAssurance  
Group  
Savings and  
Retirement  
Plan

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Common Stock	3,148	I	Owned in Reporting Person's IRA
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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 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.28					09/10/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> 09/10/2014	Common Stock	12,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22	11/11/2004		M	5,000	09/04/2003 <sup>(4)</sup> 03/04/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.8					07/15/2002 <sup>(5)</sup> 01/15/2012	Common Stock	16,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.01					06/27/2001 12/09/2009	Common Stock	2,403 (6)
Employee Stock Option	\$ 26.03					06/27/2001 12/01/2008	Common Stock	2,480 (6)

(Right to Buy)

Employee

## Stock

Option	\$ 24.68
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06/27/2001 12/02/2007

Common	3,067
Stock	(6)

(Right to

Buy)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MORELLO JAMES J C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811			Treasurer	Senior Vice-President

## Signatures

James J. Morello 11/12/2004

                     \*\*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 3,423 shares disposed of reflect 2,856 shares withheld by the issuer to fund the cashless exercise of 5,000 options on 11/11/04, and 567 shares withheld by the issuer to cover the associated tax liability.
- (2) Cashless exercise of options on 9/7/2004
- (3) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2004
- (4) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 4, 2003
- (5) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on July 15, 2002

Reflects options to purchase shares of ProAssurance Corporation common stock acquired beneficially by the reporting person in exchange for surrender of options to purchase shares of Medical Assurance, Inc. in connection with the consolidation of Medical

- (6) Assurance, Inc. and Professionals group under the ownership of ProAssurance Corporation. The acquisition of options to purchase ProAssurance shares reported herein is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act, as amended (the "Act"), by virtue of Rule 16b-3(d) promulgated under the Act.

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