

PROASSURANCE CORP  
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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 \*  
CROWE A DERRILL MD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PROASSURANCE CORP [PRA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/26/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Employee

C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION, 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811

(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)			
			Code	V	Amount (D) Price					
Common Stock	02/26/2009		A		6,250 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0	1,308,010	D	
Common Stock							20	I	Spouse as custodian for minor child	
Common Stock							477,801	I	IRA	
Common Stock							77,017	I	IRA	
							11,742	<u>(2)</u>	I	

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Common Stock						ProAssurance Group Savings and Retirement Plan [401(k)]
Common Stock				1,285	I	Spouse

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.48					09/10/2007 <sup>(5)</sup> 09/10/2017	Common Stock	25,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.38					09/11/2006 <sup>(6)</sup> 09/11/2016	Common Stock	25,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.15					09/10/2005 <sup>(4)</sup> 09/10/2015	Common Stock	50,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 33.28					09/10/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> 09/10/2014	Common Stock	10,000

(Right to Buy)

Employee Stock

Option \$ 22

(Right to Buy)

09/04/2003<sup>(7)</sup> 03/04/2013 Common Stock 10,000

Employee Stock

Option \$ 16.8

(Right to Buy)

07/15/2002 01/15/2012 Common Stock 20,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CROWE A DERRILL MD C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811	X	X		Employee

## Signatures

Frank B. O'Neil as POA for A. Derrill Crowe,  
M.D.

02/27/2009

\_\_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).

Payout of Performance Shares awarded to the reporting person upon completion of a three year performance period in 2009. The

- (1) Compensation Committee (consisting entirely of independent directors) of the ProAssurance Corporation Board of Directors reviewed the company's performance against the defined criteria and approved this award.
- (2) These shares were allocated prior to August 29, 2002 and are exempt under Rule 16b-3
- (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 10, 2005
- (5) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2007
- (6) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 11, 2006
- (7) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 4, 2003

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