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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

CMGI, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

DELAWARE  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

04-2921333  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

100 BRICKSTONE SQUARE, ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

01810  
(Zip Code)

AMENDED AND RESTATED 1995 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN, AS AMENDED  
(Full Title of the Plan)

DAVID S. WETHERELL  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
CMGI, INC.

100 BRICKSTONE SQUARE  
ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS 01810  
(Name and Address of Agent for Service)

(978) 684-3600  
(Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent for Service)

Copies to:

WILLIAM WILLIAMS II, ESQ.  
VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL  
CMGI, INC.  
100 BRICKSTONE SQUARE  
ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS 01810

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	2,000,000 shares	\$1.63(1)	\$3,260,000(1)	\$779.14

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee, and based on the average of the high and low prices of the Common Stock on the Nasdaq National Market on December 19, 2001 in accordance with Rules 457(c) and 457(h) under the Securities Act of 1933.

PART I. INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The information required by Part I is included in documents sent or given to participants in the Registrant's Amended and Restated 1995 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended, pursuant to Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").

PART II. INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference  
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The Registrant is subject to the informational and reporting requirements of Sections 13(a), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and in accordance therewith files reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). The following documents, which are on file with the Commission, are incorporated in this Registration Statement by reference:

- (1) The Registrant's latest annual report filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, or the latest prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act that contains audited financial statements for the Registrant's latest fiscal year for which such statements have been filed.
- (2) All other reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since the end of the fiscal year covered by the document referred to in (1) above.
- (3) The description of the common stock of the Registrant, \$.01 par value per share (the "Common Stock"), contained in a registration statement filed under the Exchange Act, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all shares of Common Stock offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all shares of Common Stock then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be part hereof from the date of the filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities  
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Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel  
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The legality of the Common Stock being offered hereby has been passed upon for the Registrant by Kevin P. Lanouette, Esq., Associate General Counsel of the Registrant.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers  
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Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law grants the Registrant the power to indemnify each person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Registrant, or is or was serving at the request of the Registrant as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Registrant, and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful; provided, however, no indemnification shall be made in connection with any proceeding brought by or in the right of the Registrant where the person involved is adjudged to be liable to the Registrant except to the extent approved by a court. Article NINTH of the Registrant's Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Article VII of the Registrant's Restated By-laws provide that the Registrant shall, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, indemnify each person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit, or proceeding by reason of the fact that he is or was, or has agreed to become, a director or officer of the Registrant, or is or was serving at the written request of the Registrant, as a director, officer or trustee of, or in a similar capacity with, another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise. The indemnification provided for in each of Article NINTH and Article VII is expressly not exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under any law, agreement, or vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of such persons. Article VII also provides that the Registrant shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Registrant, or is or was serving at the request of the Registrant, as a director, trustee, partner, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against and incurred by such person in any such capacity.

Pursuant to Section 102(b)(7) of the Delaware General Corporation Laws, Article EIGHTH of the Registrant's Restated Certificate of Incorporation eliminates a director's personal liability for monetary damages to the Registrant and its stockholders for breaches of fiduciary duty as a director, except in circumstances involving a breach of a director's duty of loyalty to the Registrant or its stockholders, acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or knowing violation of the law, self-dealing, or the unlawful payment of dividends or repurchase of stock.

The Registrant maintains an insurance policy on behalf of itself and certain of its subsidiaries, and on behalf of the directors and officers thereof, covering certain liabilities which may arise as a result of the actions of the directors and officers.

The Registrant has entered into agreements with all of its directors affirming the Registrant's obligation to indemnify them to the fullest extent permitted by law and providing various other protections.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed  
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Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits  
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The Exhibit Index immediately preceding the exhibits is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9. Undertakings  
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1. The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

- (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;
- (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement; and
- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (i) and (ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

2. The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities

offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

3. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the Town of Andover, Commonwealth of Massachusetts on December 20, 2001.

CMGI, INC.

By: /s/ David S. Wetherell

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David S. Wetherell  
Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned officers and directors of CMGI, Inc., hereby severally constitute David S. Wetherell, George A. McMillan and William Williams II, and each of them singly, our true and lawful attorneys with full power to them, and each of them singly, to sign for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, the Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed herewith and any and all subsequent amendments to said Registration Statement, and generally to do all such things in our names and behalf in our capacities as officers and directors to enable CMGI, Inc. to comply with all requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming our signatures as they may be signed by said attorneys, or any of them, to said Registration Statement and any and all amendments thereto.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on December 20, 2001.

Signature

Title

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/s/ David S. Wetherell  
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David S. Wetherell

Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief  
Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ George A. McMillan  
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George A. McMillan

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

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Barry K. Allen

Director

/s/ Virginia G. Bonker  
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Virginia G. Bonker

Director

/s/ Jonathan Kraft  
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Jonathan Kraft

Director

/s/ Peter McDonald  
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Peter McDonald

Director



EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
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4.1	Specimen Certificate of Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share, of the Registrant is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 31, 1999 (File No. 000-23262)
5	Opinion of Kevin P. Lanouette, Esq.
23.1	Consent of Kevin P. Lanouette, Esq. (included in Exhibit 5)
23.2	Consent of KPMG LLP, independent accountants
24	Power of Attorney (included in the signature pages of this Registration Statement)

CMGI, INC.  
100 Brickstone Square  
Andover, Massachusetts 01810

December 20, 2001

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Re: Amended and Restated 1995 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am Associate General Counsel of CMGI, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and have acted as counsel in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), relating to an aggregate of 2,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share (the "Shares"), of the Company, issuable under the Company's above-referenced employee benefit plan (the "Plan").

I have examined the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as amended to date, and the Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Company, and originals, or copies certified to my satisfaction, of all pertinent records of the meetings of the directors and stockholders of the Company, the Registration Statement and such other documents relating to the Company as I have deemed material for the purposes of this opinion. In my examination of the foregoing documents, I have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted as copies, the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents and the legal competence of all signatories to such documents.

I assume that the appropriate action will be taken, prior to the offer and sale of the Shares in accordance with the Plan, to register and qualify the Shares for sale under all applicable state securities or "blue sky" laws.

I express no opinion herein as to the laws of any state or jurisdiction other than the state laws of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Delaware General Corporation Law statute and the federal laws of the United States of America.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, I am of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized for issuance and, when the Shares are issued and paid for in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

I hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act and to the use of my

name therein under the caption "Interests of Named Experts and Counsel." In giving such consent, I do not hereby admit that I am in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Kevin P. Lanouette  
Kevin P. Lanouette  
Associate General Counsel

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

The Board of Directors  
CMGI, Inc.

We consent to the use of our report dated September 25, 2001, except as to Note 22, which is as of October 29, 2001, and except for the restatement referred to in Note 1a, as to which the date is December 11, 2001, with respect to the consolidated balance sheets of CMGI, Inc. as of July 31, 2001 and 2000, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended July 31, 2001, which report appears in the July 31, 2001 annual report on Form 10-K/A of CMGI, Inc., incorporated by reference herein.

/s/ KPMG LLP

KPMG LLP

Boston, Massachusetts  
December 20, 2001