

Byers Carl B.
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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 *
Byers Carl B.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ATHENAHEALTH INC [ATHN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O ATHENAHEALTH, INC., 311 ARSENAL STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/23/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior VP, CFO and Treasurer

(Street)
WATERTOWN, MA 02472

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 12/23/2008 | | S | | 100 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 36.22 | 262,055 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/23/2008 | | S | | 100 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 36.1 | 261,955 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/23/2008 | | S | | 10 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 35.8 | 261,945 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/23/2008 | | S | | 90 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 35.81 | 261,855 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/23/2008 | | S | | 100 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 36.06 | 261,755 | D |

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|--------------|------------|---|----------------|---|----------|---------|---|
| Common Stock | 12/23/2008 | S | 100 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 36.54 | 261,655 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/23/2008 | S | 100 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 35.82 | 261,555 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/23/2008 | S | 100 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 35.83 | 261,455 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/23/2008 | S | 100 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 35.71 | 261,355 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/23/2008 | S | 100 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 37.22 | 261,255 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/23/2008 | S | 100 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 36.92 | 261,155 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2008 | S | 100 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 35.73 | 261,055 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2008 | S | 100 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 35.88 | 260,955 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2008 | S | 100 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 35.81 | 260,855 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2008 | S | 100 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 35.62 | 260,755 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2008 | S | 35 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 35.67 | 260,720 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2008 | S | 65 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 35.71 | 260,655 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2008 | S | 9 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 36.38 | 260,646 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2008 | S | 17 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 36.76 | 260,629 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2008 | S | 83 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 36.78 | 260,546 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2008 | S | 91 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 36.38 | 260,455 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2008 | S | 100 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 35.94 | 260,355 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2008 | S | 100 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 36.33 | 260,255 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2008 | S | 100 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 36.87 | 260,155 | 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Byers Carl B. C/O ATHENAHEALTH, INC. 311 ARSENAL STREET WATERTOWN, MA 02472 | | | Senior VP, CFO and Treasurer | |

Signatures

/s/ Daniel H. Orenstein
Attorney-in-Fact

12/29/2008

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 sales reported on this Form 4 were made pursuant to a written trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on January 8, 2008 in accordance with SEC Rule 10b5-1.

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