Byers Carl B. Form 4 September 17, 2008

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Byers Carl B. |           |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ATHENAHEALTH INC [ATHN] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                                    |  |  |  |  |
|---|-----------|----------|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last)  | (First)   | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction  | (Check all applicable)  |  |  |  |  |
|   |           |          | (Month/Day/Year)   | Director 10% Owner  |  |  |  |  |
| C/O ATHENAHEALTH, INC., 311<br>ARSENAL STREET           |           |          | 09/15/2008   | _X_ Officer (give titleOther (specify below)  |  |  |  |  |
| AKSENAL S   | IKEEI     |          |  | Senior VP, CFO and Treasurer  |  |  |  |  |
|   | (Street)  |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check   |  |  |  |  |
|   |           |          | Filed(Month/Day/Year)  | Applicable Line)  |  |  |  |  |
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| (City)                               | (State) (                               | (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |   |   |           |  |  |   |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|-----------|--|--|---|--|--|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year)                            | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |           | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) |   |  |  |
|                                      |   |  | Code V                                  | Amount  | or<br>(D) | Price  | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)                                      |   |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 09/15/2008                              |  | S                                       | 100 (1)   | D         | \$<br>32.89  | 279,555 <u>(2)</u>   | D |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 09/15/2008                              |  | S                                       | 100 (1)   | D         | \$<br>32.91  | 279,455  | D |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 09/15/2008                              |  | S                                       | 100 (1)   | D         | \$<br>32.68  | 279,355  | D |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 09/15/2008                              |  | S                                       | 100 (1)   | D         | \$<br>32.97  | 279,255  | D |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 09/15/2008                              |  | S                                       | 100 (1)   | D         | \$<br>32.74  | 279,155  | D |  |  |

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| Common<br>Stock | 09/15/2008 | S | 100 (1) D | \$<br>32.53 | 279,055 | D |
|-----------------|------------|---|-----------|-------------|---------|---|
| Common<br>Stock | 09/15/2008 | S | 100 (1) D | \$<br>33.27 | 278,955 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 09/15/2008 | S | 100 (1) D | \$<br>32.56 | 278,855 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 09/15/2008 | S | 100 (1) D | \$<br>32.92 | 278,755 | D |
| Common<br>Stock | 09/15/2008 | S | 100 (1) D | \$<br>32.75 | 278,655 | 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 | 2.<br>Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) |                  | 4.<br>Transaction | 5.<br>orNumber  | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration D |            | 7. Titl<br>Amou |          | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Nu<br>Deriv |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------|-----------------|----------|------------------------|----------------|
| Security               | or Exercise      |                                      | any              | Code              | of              | (Month/Day/                   | (Year)     | Under           | , ,      | Security               | Secui          |
| (Instr. 3)             | Price of         |                                      | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8)        | Derivative      |                               |            | Securi          |          | (Instr. 5)             | Bene           |
|                        | Derivative       |                                      |                  |                   | Securities      |                               |            | (Instr.         | 3 and 4) |                        | Owne           |
|                        | Security         |                                      |                  |                   | Acquired (A) or |                               |            |                 |          |                        | Follo<br>Repo  |
|                        |                  |                                      |                  |                   | Disposed        |                               |            |                 |          |                        | Trans          |
|                        |                  |                                      |                  |                   | of (D)          |                               |            |                 |          |                        | (Instr         |
|                        |                  |                                      |                  |                   | (Instr. 3,      |                               |            |                 |          |                        | (211012        |
|                        |                  |                                      |                  |                   | 4, and 5)       |                               |            |                 |          |                        |                |
|                        |                  |                                      |                  |                   |                 |                               |            |                 | Amount   |                        |                |
|                        |                  |                                      |                  |                   |                 |                               |            |                 | or       |                        |                |
|                        |                  |                                      |                  |                   |                 | Date                          | Expiration | Title           | Number   |                        |                |
|                        |                  |                                      |                  |                   |                 | Exercisable                   | Date       |                 | of       |                        |                |
|                        |                  |                                      |                  | Code V            | (A) (D)         |                               |            |                 | Shares   |                        |                |

## **Reporting Owners**

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

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## **Signatures**

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

09/17/2008

\*\*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.
- (2) Includes 455 shares purchased pursuant to the Issuer's 2007 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on September 2, 2008, which transaction is considered exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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