Maloney Matthew M. Form 4 August 27, 2012

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

Maloney Matthew M.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MERGE HEALTHCARE INC

[MRGE]

(Middle)

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

08/24/2012

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

200 EAST RANDOLPH

STREET, SUITE 2435

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X_ Director

Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

CHICAGO, IL 60601

(State) (Zip) (City) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

3. (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) Disposed of (I (Instr. 3, 4, and	or D)			(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (I	D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Number Shares	
Stock Options	\$ 3.28	08/24/2012		A	225,000 (1)	08/24/2013(2)	08/23/2018	Common Stock	225,0	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Maloney Matthew M. 200 EAST RANDOLPH STREET SUITE 2435	X					
CHICAGO II 60601						

Signatures

/s/ Julie Ann B. Schumitsch, by power of Attorney for Matthew M.

Maloney

08/27/2012

**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) Nonqualified stock options to purchase shares of Common Stock granted to Matthew M. Maloney, member of the Board of Directors, in lieu of cash compensation in accordance with Merge Healthcare's Director Compensation Plan.
- (2) Nonqualified stock options to purchase 56,250 shares of Common Stock vesting on each of August 24, 2013, August 24, 2014, August 24, 2015 and August 24, 2016.

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