

SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
 THORNTON ROBERT M JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [SSY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 900 CIRCLE 75
 PARKWAY, SUITE 1120
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/24/2007

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 CEO, Chairman and President

ATLANTA, GA 30339

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of 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) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option ⁽¹⁾	\$ 8	09/24/2007	10/09/2007	A	70,000	⁽²⁾	09/23/2017		Common Stock	70,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THORNTON ROBERT M JR 900 CIRCLE 75 PARKWAY SUITE 1120 ATLANTA, GA 30339	X		CEO, Chairman and President	

Signatures

/s/M. Timothy Elder, pursuant to a Power of Attorney

10/10/2007

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Granted pursuant to the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan.

(2) These options vest in four equal installments beginning 9/24/2008.

(3) 120,000 exercisable at \$1.50; 38,500 exercisable at \$9.63; and 70,000 exercisable at \$8.00.

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