

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On September 15, 2009, athenahealth, Inc. (the “Company”) launched a program guaranteeing that physicians who use its EHR service, athenaClinicalSM, will receive a HITECH Act bonus payment under the 2011 program year. A copy of a press release issued by the Company regarding this program is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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| 99.1 | Press release issued by athenahealth, Inc. on September 15, 2009 |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

athenahealth, Inc.
(Registrant)

September 15, 2009 **/s/ DANIEL H. ORENSTEIN**
Daniel H. Orenstein
VP, General Counsel, and Secretary

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