

Howard Christopher L  
 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 \*  
 Howard Christopher L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc.  
 [ACHC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 830 CRESCENT CENTRE DRIVE, SUITE 610  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/19/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_X\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP, GC and Secretary

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_\_\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Following 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)	Price		
Common Stock	03/19/2012		A	8,214 (1)	\$ 0	310,385	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)**

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.96	03/19/2012		A	25,858	03/19/2013 <sup>(2)</sup> 03/19/2023	Common Stock	25,858

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Howard Christopher L 830 CRESCENT CENTRE DRIVE SUITE 610 FRANKLIN, TN 37067		X	EVP, GC and Secretary	

## Signatures

/s/ Christopher L. Howard	03/21/2012
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## 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 shares will vest over a 4-year period in equal yearly installments beginning March 19, 2013.
- (2) The options will vest over a 4-year period in equal yearly installments beginning March 19, 2013.

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