

SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS INC

Form 4

October 09, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
THORNTON ROBERT M JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**900 CIRCLE 75
PARKWAY, SUITE 1120**

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30339

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

**SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS
INC [SSY]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/07/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	10/07/2008		M	26,000	A \$ 1.5	271,340	D
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/22/2004 ⁽¹⁾		A ⁽¹⁾	11,111 ⁽¹⁾	A <u>(1)</u>	160,584 ⁽¹⁾	I See footnote 2 <u>(2)</u>

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(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 1.5	10/07/2008		M		26,000		03/05/2004	03/04/2009	Common Stock	26,000

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
10/09/2008

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) This row reflects indirect ownership which has not changed as a result of the other transactions reported on this form.
- (2) Owned by CareVest Capital, L.L.C. ("CareVest"). Mr. Thornton owns 100% of the outstanding voting shares of CareVest and is reporting CareVest's total direct holdings of SunLink common shares.

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