



**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On September 15, 2009, athenahealth, Inc. (the “Company”) launched a program guaranteeing that physicians who use its EHR service, athenaClinical<sup>SM</sup>, 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.**

<i>Exhibit No.</i>	<i>Description</i>
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**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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