

Bush Jonathan
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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 *
Bush Jonathan

 (Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O ATHENAHEALTH, INC., 311 ARSENAL STREET

 (Street)
WATERTOWN, MA 02472

 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ATHENAHEALTH INC [ATHN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/19/2008

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 and President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/19/2008		S	230 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 33.6	242,180	I	See Footnote ⁽²⁾
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S	230 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 36.58	241,950	I	See Footnote ⁽²⁾
Common Stock					361,190	D	
Common Stock					100,000	I	See Footnote ⁽³⁾

Common Stock 13,995 I See Footnote (4)

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 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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bush Jonathan C/O ATHENAHEALTH, INC. 311 ARSENAL STREET WATERTOWN, MA 02472	X		CEO and President	

Signatures

/s/ Daniel H. Orenstein
Attorney-in-Fact 12/23/2008

**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) The sales reported on this Form 4 were made pursuant to a written trading plan adopted by the trustees of The Bush 2004 Gift Trust (see footnote 2) on January 7, 2008 in accordance with SEC Rule 10b5-1.
- (2)

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These shares are owned by The Bush 2004 Gift Trust, the beneficiaries of which are certain of Mr. Bush's children. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

- (3) These shares are owned by The Jonathan J. Bush, Jr. Grantor Retained Annuity Trust Dated July 15, 2008, the beneficiaries of which are Mr. Bush and certain of his children. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

- (4) These shares are owned by The Jonathan J. Bush, Jr. 2007 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust, the beneficiaries of which are Mr. Bush and certain of his children. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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