AMEDISYS INC Form 4 October 24, 2008

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

may continue.

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading WASHBURN DONALD A Issuer Symbol AMEDISYS INC [AMED] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title 5959 S. SHERWOOD FOREST 10/23/2008 below) BLVD. 4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

BATON ROUGE, LA 70816

| (City) | (State) (| Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative Securities A | equired, Disposed | of, or Beneficia | lly 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 on Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | (A) or Amount (D) Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 10/23/2008 | | A | $\frac{1,997}{(1)}$ A \$0 | 19,594 | 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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| | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | | 7. Titl | | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transact Code (Instr. 8) | orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | : | | Amou Under Securi (Instr. | lying | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
| | | | | 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

WASHBURN DONALD A
5959 S. SHERWOOD FOREST BLVD. X
BATON ROUGE, LA 70816

Signatures

/s/ Celeste Rasmussen Peiffer on behalf of Donald A Washburn pursuant to a power of attorney

10/24/2008

**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 shares granted are subject to time-based vesting conditions and will vest 100% on July 1, 2009.

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