

SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS INC
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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 *
 THORNTON ROBERT M JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [SSY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 900 CIRCLE 75
 PARKWAY, SUITE 1120

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/29/2008

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

(Street)
 ATLANTA, GA 30339

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 02/29/2008 | | M | | 40,000 | A | \$ 1.5 |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 12/22/2004 ⁽¹⁾ | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 11,111 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$ 1.5 |
| | | | | | 160,584 ⁽¹⁾ | I | |

See Footnote 2 ⁽²⁾

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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 1.5 | 02/29/2008 | | M | 40,000 | 03/05/2003 | 03/04/2008 | Common Stock | 40,000 |

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
03/04/2008
**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 transaction is being reported again to gain access to the sytem. 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. ("Care Vest"). Mr. Thornton owns 100% of the outstanding voting shares of CareVest and is reporting CareVest's total direct holdings of SunLink common stock.
- (3) 80,000 exercisable at \$1.50; 38,500 exercisable at \$9.63; and 70,000 exercisable at \$8.00.

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