ATHENAHEALTH INC

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Byers Carl B.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ATHENAHEALTH INC [ATHN]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
C/O ATHEN		H, INC., 311	(Month/Day/Year) 12/04/2008	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior VP, CFO and Treasurer			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
WATERTOWN, MA 02472			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3.		4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	12/04/2008		G	V	3,500 (1)	D	\$ 0	264,155	D		
Common Stock	12/11/2008		S		100 (2)	D	\$ 31.97	264,055	D		
Common Stock	12/11/2008		S		100 (2)	D	\$ 32.55	263,955	D		
Common Stock	12/11/2008		S		100 (2)	D	\$ 33.08	263,855	D		
Common Stock	12/11/2008		S		100 (2)	D	\$ 33	263,755	D		

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Common Stock	12/11/2008	S	2 (2)	D	\$ 33.01	263,753	D
Common Stock	12/11/2008	S	98 (2)	D	\$ 33.02	263,655	D
Common Stock	12/11/2008	S	100 (2)	D	\$ 32.57	263,555	D
Common Stock	12/11/2008	S	100 (2)	D	\$ 33.08	263,455	D
Common Stock	12/11/2008	S	100 (2)	D	\$ 33.09	263,355	D
Common Stock	12/11/2008	S	100 (2)	D	\$ 33.11	263,255	D
Common Stock	12/11/2008	S	100 (2)	D	\$ 32.49	263,155	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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.		6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Tit.	le and	8. Price of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transa	ctionN	umber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	•	(Month/Day/	Year)	Unde	rlying	Security	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8) Do	erivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	
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							Date	Expiration		or		
							Exercisable	Date	Title	Number		
							Exercisable	Date		of		
				Code	V (A	(D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships								
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
Byers Carl B. C/O ATHENAHEALTH, INC. 311 ARSENAL STREET			Senior VP, CFO and Treasurer						

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Signatures

/s/ Daniel H. Orenstein Attorney-in-Fact

12/15/2008

**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) These shares were a bona fide gift to a charity.
- (2) The sales reported on this Form 4 were made pursuant to a written trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on January 8, 2008 in accordance with SEC Rule 10b5-1.

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