

SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS INC  
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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  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/26/2008

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

ATLANTA, GA 30339

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 or Price		
Common Stock	11/26/2008		S		40,000 (1)	D	
Common Stock (2)	11/26/2008(2)		P(2)		0 (2)	A (2)	160,584 (2)
						I	See footnote 3 (3)

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 Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				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
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  
 11/26/2008  
 \*\*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) Mr. Thornton sold 40,000 shares in a private sale to recover alternative minimum tax he previously paid. Mr. Thornton exercised options for 40,000 shares in March 2008 and paid alternative minimum tax based on a market price at that time of \$6.29 per share. Mr. Thornton has advised SunLink that, subject to compliance with SunLink's trading policy and market and other conditions, he may purchase shares in the open market during the first quarter of 2009.
- (2) This row reflects indirect ownership which has not changed as a result of the other transaction reported on this form.
- (3) Owned by CareVest Capital, L.L.C. ("CareVest"). Mr. Thornton owns 100% of the outstanding voting shares of CareVest and is reporting CareVest's total direct holdings of SunLink common shares.

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