FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* NOWAKOWSKI SUSAN							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMN HEALTHCARE SERVICES INC [AHS]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 12400 HIGH BLUFF DRIVE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/07/2009								X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President and CEO						
(Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92130					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting						
(City)	(Sta	ite) (Zip)											Person				<u> </u>		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans Date					saction				Code (Instr.			l (A) or	or 5. Amount of		Form:	Direct I	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D) Price		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock														8,300		D				
			Table II - I									or Bene		Owned						
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Title of 2. 3. Transaction 3A. Deeme invative Conversion Date Execution curity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		3A. Deemed	eate,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				Co	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transacti (Instr. 4)	ion(s)				
Restricted Stock Units	(1)								(2)		(3)	Common Stock	55,000		55,000		D			
Restricted Stock Units	(1)								(4)		(3)	Common Stock	48,291		48,291		D			
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$18.03								(9)		04/12/2016	Common Stock	43,250		43,250		D			
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$24.95								(5)		04/18/2017	Comon Stock	41,530		41,530		D			
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$9.68								05/08/20	04	05/08/2013	Common Stock	39,405		39,405 ⁽⁶⁾		D			
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$14.94								05/18/20	05	05/18/2014	Common Stock	160,000		160,000 ⁽⁶⁾		D			
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$14.86								05/04/20	06	05/04/2015	Common Stock	185,000		185,000 ⁽⁶⁾		D			
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$22.98								01/17/20	03	01/17/2012	Common Stock	60,000		60,000 ⁽⁶⁾		D			
Restricted Stock Units	(1)								(7)		(3)	Common Stock	71,681		71,68	31	D			
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$16.18								(8)		04/08/2018	Common Stock	61,646		61,646		D			
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	01/07/2009			A			67,782	(10)		(3)	Common Stock	67,782	(1)	67,782		D			
Stock Appreciation	\$8.71	01/07/2009			A			116,586	(11)		01/07/2019	Common	116,586	\$8.71	116,586		D			

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The Restricted Stock Units were granted pursuant to the AMN Healthcare Equity Plan. Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock.
- 2. The Restricted Stock Units were granted on April 12, 2006 and vest on April 12, 2009, provided, however, the Restricted Stock Units shall vest on an accelerated basis on May 12, 2007, in the incremental amount of 33% should the Company achieve or exceed specified earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) targets for fiscal year 2008, in the amount of 34% should the Company achieve or exceed specified EBITDA targets for fiscal year 2007. The settlement date of the Restricted Stock Units shall be the vesting date unless the grantee otherwise elects under the terms of the Company's 2005 Amended and Restated Executive Nonqualified Excess Plan.
- 3. Restricted Stock Units do not have an expiration date.
- 4. The Restricted Stock Units were granted on April 18, 2007 and vest on April 18, 2010. The settlement date of the Restricted Stock Units shall be the vesting date unless the grantee otherwise elects under the terms

of the Company's 2005 Amended and Restated Executive Nonqualified Excess Plan.

- 5. The Stock Appreciation Rights were granted pursuant to the AMN Healthcare Equity Plan on April 18, 2007 and vest over three years on the anniversary of the date of the grant in increments of 33%, 34% and 33% respectively.
- 6. The Options to purchase shares of Common Stock were granted pursuant to the AMN Healthcare Services, Inc. Stock Option Plan. The shares become vested in four equal installments on the first, second, third and fourth anniversary of the grant date.
- 7. The Restricted Stock Units were granted on April 8, 2008 and vest on the third anniversary of the grant date, provided, however, the Restricted Stock Units shall vest on an accelerated basis thirteen months after the grant date, in the incremental amount of 33% should the Company achieve or exceed specified earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) target for the previous fiscal year and on the second anniversary of the grant date in the amount of 34% should the Company achieve or exceed EBITDA target for the previous fiscal year. The settlement date of the Restricted Stock Units shall be the vesting date unless the grantee otherwise elects under the terms of the Company's 2005 Amended and Restated Executive Nonqualified Excess Plan.
- 8. The Stock Appreciation Rights were granted on April 8, 2008 pursuant to the AMN Healthcare Equity Plan and vest over three years on the anniversary of the date of the grant in increments of 33%, 34% and 33% respectively.
- 9. The Stock Appreciations Rights were granted on April 12, 2006 pursuant to the AMN Healthcare Equity Plan and vest over three years on the anniversary of the date of the grant in increments of 33%, 34% and 33% respectively.
- 10. The Restricted Stock Units were granted on January 7, 2009 and vest on the third anniversary of the grant date, provided, however, the Restricted Stock Units shall vest on an accelerated basis thirteen months after the grant date, in the incremental amount of 33% should the Company achieve or exceed specified earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) target for the previous fiscal year and on the second anniversary of the grant date in the amount of 34% should the Company achieve or exceed EBITDA target for the previous fiscal year. The settlement date of the Restricted Stock Units shall be the vesting date unless the grantee otherwise elects under the terms of the Company's 2005 Amended and Restated Executive Nonqualified Excess Plan.
- 11. The Stock Appreciation Rights were granted on January 7, 2009 pursuant to the AMN Healthcare Equity Plan and vest over three years on the anniversary of the date of the grant in increments of 33%, 34% and 33% respectively.

Susan R. Nowakowski 01/08/2009

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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