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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>JOHNS MICHAEL M E</u>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/23/2008</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AMN HEALTHCARE SERVICES INC [AHS]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director Officer (give title below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(Last) (First) (Middle) <u>736 CONWAY GLEN DR. N.W</u>		10% Owner Other (specify below)	
(Street) <u>ATLANTA GA 30327</u>			
(City) (State) (Zip)			

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	(2)	Common Stock	(3)	D	
Stock Appreciation Rights	12/23/2009	12/23/2018	Common Stock	8.21	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The Restricted Stock Units, granted on December 23, 2008, vest in the incremental amount of 33% on the first anniversary of the grant; 34% on the second anniversary of the grant; and 33% on the third anniversary of the grant.
- The Restricted Stock Units (RSU's) do not have an expiration date.
- 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.

/s/ Michael Johns12/24/2008

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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