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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 * RICCHIUTI PETER			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			AMEDISYS INC [AMED]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	•		
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
5959 S. SHERWOOD FOREST BLVD.		OREST	02/02/2010	Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting		
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BATON ROUGE, LA /0816

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities A on(A) or Dispose (Instr. 3, 4 and (A) or Amount (D)	ed of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/02/2010		M(1)	550 <u>(1)</u> A	\$ 7.46	18,433	D	
Common Stock	02/02/2010		S(1)	550 <u>(1)</u> D	\$ 56.931	17,883	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 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number omf 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
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.46 (3)	02/02/2010		M <u>(1)</u>	550 (1)	01/01/2003(2)	06/30/2012	Common Stock	550

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
reporting owner runner reduces	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
RICCHIUTI PETER						
5959 S. SHERWOOD FOREST BLVD.	X					
BATON ROUGE, LA 70816						

Signatures

/s/ Celeste Rasmussen Peiffer on behalf of Peter Ricchiuti pursuant to a power of attorney

02/03/2010

**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).
- The option exercises and stock sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan previously adopted by the **(1)** reporting person.
- (2) 50% exercisable on the date indicated, 50% of the balance exercisable on July 1, 2003 and the balance exercisable on January 1, 2004.
 - This option was previously reported as covering a total of 10,000 shares at an exercise price of \$9.95 per share, but was adjusted to
- 13,334 shares at an exercise price of \$7.46 per share as a result of the 4-for-3 stock split of the issuer's stock that occured on December 4, 2006.

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