

MCCARTNEY DANIEL P
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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 *
 MCCARTNEY DANIEL P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HEALTHCARE SERVICES GROUP INC [HCSG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3220 TILLMAN DRIVE, SUITE 300

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/05/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chief Executive Officer

(Street)
 BENSLEM, PA 19020

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying	8.
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom stock	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	01/13/2009	A		2,412 ⁽²⁾		01/13/2009	⁽³⁾	common stock	2,412
Stock option	\$ 15.58	01/05/2009	A		5,000		01/05/2010	01/05/2019	common stock	5,000
Stock option	\$ 15.58	01/05/2009	A		5,000		01/05/2011	01/05/2019	common stock	5,000
Stock option	\$ 15.58	01/05/2009	A		5,000		01/05/2012	01/05/2019	common stock	5,000
Stock option	\$ 15.58	01/05/2009	A		5,000		01/05/2013	01/05/2019	common stock	5,000
Stock option	\$ 15.58	01/05/2009	A		5,000		01/05/2014	01/05/2019	common stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCCARTNEY DANIEL P 3220 TILLMAN DRIVE SUITE 300 BENSALEM, PA 19020	X		Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Daniel P. McCartney
01/13/2009

**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) SHARES ISSUED AT CONVERSION RATE OF 1 FOR 1
- (2) ACQUIRED PURSANT TO AN ISSUER CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE HEALTHCARE SERVICES GROUP, INC DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN
- (3)

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SHARES OF PHANTOM STOCK ARE PAYABLE IN KIND FOLLOWING TERMINATION OF THE REPORTING PERSON'S EMPLOYMENT WITH ISSUER

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