

AMEDISYS INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**5959 S. SHERWOOD FOREST BLVD.**

(Street)

**BATON ROUGE, LA 70816**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**AMEDISYS INC [AMED]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/05/2010**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	01/05/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	500	1	A	\$ 7.46 18,383 D
Common Stock	01/05/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	500	1	D	\$ 51.5276 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. 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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.46 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/05/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	500 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/01/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> 06/30/2012	Common Stock	500

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Celeste Rasmussen Peiffer on behalf of Peter Ricchiuti pursuant to a power of attorney 01/06/2010

\_\_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).

(1) The option exercises and stock sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan previously adopted by the 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  
(3) 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 occurred on December 4, 2006.

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