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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 * Brown Nancy G.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ATHENAHEALTH INC [ATHN]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	, and the			
311 ARSENAL	STREET		(Month/Day/Year) 12/05/2008	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP, Business Development			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
WATERTOWN, MA, MA 02472			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	ole 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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	12/05/2008		S	5,500 (1)	D	\$ 28.11 (2)	10,500	D			
Common Stock	12/05/2008		S	4,600 (1)	D	\$ 29.06 (3)	5,900	D			
Common Stock	12/05/2008		S	5,900 (1)	D	\$ 30.12 (4)	0	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative	Deriv
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					4, and 5)						
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									or		
						Date	Expiration	Title	Number		
						Exercisable	Date	11116	of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Brown Nancy G. 311 ARSENAL STREET WATERTOWN, MA, MA 02472

SVP, Business Development

Signatures

/s/ Daniel H. Orenstein Attorney-in-Fact

12/09/2008

**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 sales reported on this Form 4 were made pursuant to a written trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on January 9, 2008 in accordance with SEC Rule 10b5-1.
- This price represents the weighted average of sales ranging from \$27.70 to \$28.67. Upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, the Reporting Person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- This price represents the weighted average of sales ranging from \$28.76 to \$29.44. Upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, the Reporting Person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (4) This price represents the weighted average of sales ranging from \$29.88 to \$30.25. Upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, the Reporting Person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate

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