SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS INC

Form 4

October 10, 2007

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction 1(b).

obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

ORTH JEROME

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS

INC [SSY]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

> (Month/Day/Year) 09/24/2007

900 CIRCLE 75 PARKWAY STE. 1120

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

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10% Owner Other (specify

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

below)

Director

X_ Officer (give title

ATLANTA, GA 30339

(City)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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Estimated average

burden hours per

Code V Amount (D) Price

or

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 Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date

7. Title and Amount of 8 Underlying Securities

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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)		(Instr. 3 and	4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (1)	\$ 8	09/24/2007	10/10/2007	A	2,000	(2)	09/23/2017	Common Stock	2,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ORTH JEROME 900 CIRCLE 75 PARKWAY STE. 1120 ATLANTA, GA 30339

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Signatures

/s/M. Timothy Elder, pursuant to a Power of Attorney

10/10/2007

**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) Granted pursuant to the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (2) These options vest in four equal installments beginning 9/24/2008.
- (3) 30,000 exercisable at \$1.50; 1,000 exercisable at \$3.00; 8,468 exercisable at \$9.63; and 2,000 exercisable at \$8.00.

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