

AMEDISYS INC
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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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RICCHIUTI PETER

(Last) (First) (Middle)
11100 MEAD ROAD, SUITE 300
(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)
08/15/2005

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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	08/15/2005		M		3,400 A \$ 6	10,097	D
Common Stock	08/15/2005		S		1,901 D \$ 41.2919	8,196	D
Common Stock	08/15/2005		S		300 D \$ 41.33	7,896	D
Common Stock	08/15/2005		S		20 D \$ 41.35	7,876	D
Common Stock	08/15/2005		S		300 D \$ 41.36	7,576	D
	08/15/2005		S		316 D \$ 41.41	7,260	D

Common
Stock

Common Stock	08/15/2005	S	300	D	\$ 41.42	6,960	D
Common Stock	08/15/2005	S	100	D	\$ 41.43	6,860	D
Common Stock	08/15/2005	S	163	D	\$ 41.44	6,697	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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6	08/15/2005		M	3,400	07/01/2002 ⁽¹⁾	07/01/2011	Common Stock	3,400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RICCHIUTI PETER 11100 MEAD ROAD, SUITE 300 BATON ROUGE, LA 70816	X			

Signatures

/s/ Peter F.
Ricchiuti

08/17/2005

__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) 33.3% exercisable on the date indicated, and 33.3% exercisable on each of the next two anniversaries thereof.

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