

SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 Shaunnessy George D.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [SSY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 900 CIRCLE 75  
 PARKWAY, SUITE 1120  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/13/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Pres/CEO Sunlink Homecare Svcs

ATLANTA, GA 30339

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of 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 Number Shares
Employee Stock Options <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 5.5	05/13/2008	A		40,000		05/13/2008	05/12/2015	Common Stock	40,000
Employee Stock Options <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 5.5	05/13/2008	A		60,000		<sup>(2)</sup>	05/12/2015	Common Stock	60,000
Employee Stock Options <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 8	05/13/2008	A		100,000		<sup>(3)</sup>	05/12/2015	Common Stock	100,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Shaunnessy George D. 900 CIRCLE 75 PARKWAY SUITE 1120 ATLANTA, GA 30339				Pres/CEO Sunlink Homecare Svcs

## Signatures

/s/M. Timothy Elder, pursuant to a power of attorney  
 05/16/2008  
\*\*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) Granted 5/13/2008 pursuant to the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (2) These options vest in three equal installments on 05/13/2009, 05/13/2010 and 05/13/2011, respectively.
- (3) These options vest in five equal installments on 05/13/2009, 05/13/2010, 05/13/2011, 05/13/2012 and 05/13/2013, respectively.

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