

AMEDISYS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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
Common Stock	08/15/2005		S		1,901	D	\$ 41.2919 8,196
Common Stock	08/15/2005		S		300	D	\$ 41.33 7,896
Common Stock	08/15/2005		S		20	D	\$ 41.35 7,876
Common Stock	08/15/2005		S		300	D	\$ 41.36 7,576
Common Stock	08/15/2005		S		316	D	\$ 41.41 7,260

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6	08/15/2005		M	3,400	07/01/2002 <sup>(1)</sup> 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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