

MCCARTNEY DANIEL P
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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 *
 MCCARTNEY DANIEL P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HEALTHCARE SERVICES GROUP INC [HCSG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chief Executive Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3220 TILLMAN DRIVE, SUITE 300
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/10/2008

BENSALEM, PA 19020

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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	(D)	Price
Common stock	12/10/2008		G		75,000	D	\$ 14.16 2,834,472
Common stock	12/10/2008		S		16,093	D	\$ 14.261 2,818,379

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Report Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V	A	D		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCCARTNEY DANIEL P 3220 TILLMAN DRIVE SUITE 300 BENSALEM, PA 19020	X		Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

/S/ Daniel P.
McCartney 12/12/2008

__Signature of Reporting Date
Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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