Orenstein Daniel H. Form 4 January 12, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Addre Orenstein Danie		ng Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ATHENAHEALTH INC [ATHN]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(check all applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
311 ARSENAL STREET			01/12/2012	X Officer (give title Other (speci below) below) SVP, GC, and Secretary			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
WATERTOWN	N, MA 024	72	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

	(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
5	Title of Security Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securing (A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose 4 and (A)	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
	Common Stock	01/12/2012		Code V M	Amount 500	or (D)	Price \$ 25.67	(Instr. 3 and 4) 21,025	D	
	Common Stock	01/12/2012		S	500 (1)	D	\$ 56	20,525	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)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.67	01/12/2012		M		500	01/05/2010	03/02/2019	Common Stock	500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Orenstein Daniel H. 311 ARSENAL STREET WATERTOWN, MA 02472

SVP, GC, and Secretary

Signatures

/s/ Daniel H.
Orenstein
01/12/2012

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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) The sale reported on this Form 4 was made pursuant to a written trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on September 12, 2011, in accordance with Rule 10b5-1.

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