

WAHL Theodore  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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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 *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â WAHL Theodore		(Month/Day/Year)	HEALTHCARE SERVICES GROUP INC [HCSG]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/12/2009	
3220 TILLMAN DRIVE,Â SUITE 300			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
BENSALEM,Â PAÂ 19020			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			Vice President Finance	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common stock	1,600	D	Â
Common stock	1,600	I	Held by spouse
Common stock	1,600	I	Held by child

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	Ownership (Instr. 5)
Phantom stock <sup>(1)</sup>	01/01/2010	∞ <sup>(2)</sup>	common stock	445	\$ <sup>(3)</sup>	D	∞
Stock option	06/30/2006	12/30/2010	common stock	1,200	\$ 13.8067	D	∞
Stock option	01/03/2009	01/03/2018	common stock	400	\$ 20.89	D	∞
Stock option	01/03/2010	01/03/2018	common stock	400	\$ 20.89	D	∞
Stock option	01/03/2011	01/03/2018	common stock	400	\$ 20.89	D	∞
Stock option	01/03/2012	01/03/2018	common stock	400	\$ 20.89	D	∞
Stock option	01/03/2013	01/03/2018	common stock	400	\$ 20.89	D	∞
Stock option	01/05/2010	01/05/2019	common stock	1,000	\$ 15.58	D	∞
Stock option	01/05/2011	01/05/2019	common stock	1,000	\$ 15.58	D	∞
Stock option	01/05/2012	01/05/2019	common stock	1,000	\$ 15.58	D	∞
Stock option	01/05/2013	01/05/2019	common stock	1,000	\$ 15.58	D	∞
Stock option	01/05/2014	01/05/2019	common stock	1,000	\$ 15.58	D	∞

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WAHL Theodore 3220 TILLMAN DRIVE SUITE 300 BENSALEM, PA 19020	∞	∞	∞ Vice President Finance	∞

## Signatures

/s/ Theodore  
Wahl

01/16/2009

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) ACQUIRED PURSANT TO AN ISSUER CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE HEALTHCARE SERVICES GROUP, INC DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN
- (2) SHARES OF PHANTOM STOCK ARE PAYABLE IN KIND FOLLOWING TERMINATION OF THE REPORTING PERSON'S EMPLOYMENT WITH ISSUER
- (3) SHARES ISSUED AT CONVERSION RATE OF 1 FOR 1

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