#### **HEALTHSOUTH CORP**

Form 4

October 13, 2009

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* **BLECHSCHMIDT EDWARD A** 

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

HEALTHSOUTH CORP [HLS]

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

202 S. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD

(State)

(First)

10/09/2009

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

(Middle)

(Zip)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

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VILLANOVA, PA 19085

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Instr. 8)		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)	
			Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Healthsouth Common Stock	10/09/2009		J <u>(1)</u>	26	. ,	\$ 17.38	34,706	D	
Healthsouth Common Stock	10/09/2009		<u>J(1)</u>	400	A	\$ 17.38	35,106	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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# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other

**BLECHSCHMIDT EDWARD A** 202 S. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD X VILLANOVA, PA 19085

### **Signatures**

John P. Whittington, attorney-in-fact for Edward A. Blechschmidt

10/09/2009

\*\*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).

This transaction is a purchase of shares of common stock of HealthSouth Corporation (the "Company") pursuant to an election by the reporting person to participate in the Directors Deferred Stock Investment Plan of the Company (the "Plan"). The Plan is a non-qualified deferral plan adopted and effective November 1, 2007, allowing non-employee directors to make elections during 2008 to defer fixed

(1) percentages of their directors fees for 2009. The amount each participant defers under the Plan is deducted, on a quarterly basis, from the directors fees the participant would otherwise have received in cash. The transaction reported on this Form 4 is the acquisition of common stock of the Company for the account of the reporting person, for an aggregate purchase price equal to the amount of fees deferred by the reporting person for the current quarter of 2009 under the Plan.

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