

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Newman, Stephen L. (Last) (First) (Middle) 13737 Noel Road (Street) Dallas, TX 75240 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Tenet Healthcare Corporation THC 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Required to be Reported (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2009	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) _____ 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _____ Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give _____ Other (specify title below) _____ below) Chief Operating Officer <hr/> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person _____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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	01/01/2009		M		16,800	A	\$1.15	196,581	D	
Common Stock	01/01/2009		F		5,486	D	\$1.15	191,095	D	
Common Stock								750	I	By IRA

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

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

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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)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
2007 January Restricted Units	(1)	01/01/2009		M			16,800	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	16,800	\$1.15	16,800	D	
1999 July Option (Right to Buy)	\$11.13							(2)	07/28/2009	Common Stock	17,700		17,700	D	
2004 March Option (Right to Buy)	\$12.01							(3)	03/03/2014	Common Stock	66,666		66,666	D	
2005 February Option (Right to Buy)	\$10.52							(3)	02/16/2015	Common Stock	60,000		60,000	D	
2006 February Option (Right to Buy)	\$7.93							(3)	02/22/2016	Common Stock	55,000		55,000	D	
2006 February Restricted Units	\$0.00 (1)							(1)	(1)	Common Stock	18,334		18,334	D	
2007 March Option (Right to Buy)	\$6.60							(3)	03/01/2017	Common Stock	140,000		140,000	D	
2007 March Restricted Units	\$0.00 (1)							(1)	(1)	Common Stock	40,000		40,000	D	
2007 Performance Based Restricted Units (N)	\$0.00 (4)							(4)	(4)	Common Stock	90,000		90,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

See attached statement

01/05/2009

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See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

** Signature of Reporting Person
Stephen L. Newman

Date

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2008 March Option (Right to Buy)	\$4.94							(3)	03/06/2018	Common Stock	450,000		450,000	D	
2008 March Restricted Units	\$0.00 (1)							(1)	(1)	Common Stock	122,500		122,500	D	

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Explanation of responses:

- (1) These restricted units vest ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant. Restricted Units are settled in shares of the Company's common stock upon vesting.
- (2) These derivative securities (stock options) vested ratably on each of the first, second, and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (3) These derivative securities (stock options) vest ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (4) On the third anniversary of the date of grant, these restricted units vest conditionally based on the average of the closing price of the company's common stock on the last 40 trading days of 2009 ("Stock Price") as follows: 30,000 restricted units vest if the Stock Price is \$6.75 or less; 60,000 restricted units vest if the Stock Price is \$8.50; and 90,000 restricted units if the Stock Price is \$10.25 or greater. Straight-line interpolation will be used to determine the number of restricted units vesting for Stock Prices between the threshold prices stated. Restricted units are settled in shares of the Company's common stock upon vesting.