

DISTEFANO JAMES L

Form 4

January 05, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DISTEFANO JAMES L

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3220 TILLMAN DR, SUITE 300

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/05/2006

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Chief Financial Officer

(Street)

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

BENSALEM, PA 19020

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
Common stock			Code	V Amount (D) Price	3,729 ⁽¹⁾	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. 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 Deriva Securit (Instr. 3)
Phantom stock	\$ 0 <u>(2)</u>	01/05/2006		A	357 <u>(3)</u>	01/05/2006 <u>(4)</u>	Common stock	357 \$ 20.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DISTEFANO JAMES L 3220 TILLMAN DR SUITE 300 BENSALEM, PA 19020			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

/s/ James
DiStefano

01/05/2006

__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).

(1) Includes 459 shares issued in 2006 pursuant to 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan contributions.

(2) Shares issued at conversion rate of 1 to 1

(3) Acquired pursuant to an issuer contribution under the Healthcare Services Group, Inc Deferred Compensation Plan

(4) Shares of Phantom Stock are payable in cash or stock following termination of the reporting person's employment with the issuer.

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