UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

W	ashington, D.C. 20549
	FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 21, 2005

SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact Name Of Registrant As Specified In Charter)

Ohio (State or other Jurisdiction

1-12607 (Commission File Number) 31-0621189 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

900 Circle 75 Parkway, Suite 1120, Atlanta, Georgia (Address of principal executive offices)

30339 (Zip Code)

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Registrant s telephone number, including area code (770) 933-7000

(Former Name Or Former Address, l	If Changed Since Last Report
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On December 21 2005, SunLink Health Systems, Inc. (SunLink) and Robert M. Thornton (Thornton), SunLink s Chief Operating Officer, entered into an amended and restated employment agreement effective retroactively to July 1, 2005.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- a. Not applicable.
- b. Not applicable.
- **c.** Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed with this report:

Exhibit 99.1 Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between SunLink Health Systems, Inc and Robert M. Thornton.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Current Report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

By: /s/ Mark J. Stockslager

Name: Mark J. Stockslager
Title: Principal Accounting Officer

Dated: December 23, 2005

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION
99.1	Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between SunLink Health Systems, Inc. and Robert M. Thornton, dated December 21, 2005.