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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>WAHL Theodore</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 3220 TILLMAN DRIVE SUITE 300 (Street) BENSLEM PA 19020 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HEALTHCARE SERVICES GROUP INC [HCSG]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President & CEO
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/15/2017	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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	11/15/2017		G		1,450	A	\$49.77	115,161	D	
Common Stock	11/15/2017		G		528	A	\$49.77	85,064	I	Held by spouse
Common Stock	11/15/2017		G		1,584	A	\$49.77	30,002	I	Held by minor child
Common Stock	12/29/2017		G		200	D	\$52.72	84,864 ⁽¹⁾	I	Held by spouse
Common Stock	01/02/2018		A		637 ⁽²⁾	A	\$33.29	115,798	D	
Common Stock	01/04/2018		M		6,000	A	\$52.06	121,798	D	
Common Stock	01/04/2018		F		1,710	D	\$52.06	120,088 ⁽¹⁾	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$52.06	01/04/2018		A		50,000		(3)	01/04/2028	Common Stock	50,000	\$0	50,000	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	01/04/2018		A		30,000		(5)	(5)	Common Stock	30,000	\$0	30,000	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	01/04/2018		M			6,000	(6)	(6)	Common Stock	6,000	\$0	24,000	D	
Phantom Stock	(4)	01/03/2018		A		715 ⁽⁷⁾		(8)	(8)	Common Stock	715	\$52.72	11,126 ⁽⁷⁾	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Total Direct and Indirect Beneficial Ownership by Reporting Person is 234,954.
- Acquired by the Reporting Person through participation in the Healthcare Services Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- These options shall vest and become exercisable at the rate of 20% annually, commencing on the first anniversary of the January 4, 2018 grant date.

4. Shares issued at the conversion rate of 1-for-1.
5. These Restricted Stock Units shall vest at the rate of 20% annually, commencing on the first anniversary of the January 4, 2018 grant date.
6. These Restricted Stock Units shall vest at the rate of 20% annually, commencing on the first anniversary of the January 4, 2017 grant date.
7. Acquired pursuant to an Issuer contribution under the Healthcare Services Group, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan.
8. Shares of Phantom Stock are payable in-kind following termination of the Reporting Person's employment with Issuer.

Remarks:

/s/ John C. Shea, by Power of Attorney 01/04/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of John Shea and Michael Harrity signing singly, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact to:

1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") relating to Healthcare Services Group, Inc. (the "Company");

2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Forms 3, 4 or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that each such attorney-in-fact, or each such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act. The undersigned acknowledges that such attorney-in-fact is not assuming: (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the Act; (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements; or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 10th day of July, 2012.

Signature /s/ Theodore Wahl

Print Name Theodore Wahl