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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* COLE C TAYLOR 2. Date of Event Requiring Staten (Month/Day/Year 03/11/2004 | | | nent | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CROSS COUNTRY HEALTHCARE INC [CCRN] | | | | | | | |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) 41 RIVER TERRACE APT. PHB2 | | ` ′ ′ | | | | tionship of Reporting Perso all applicable) Director | 10% Owne | er | If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check | | |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | | | | nt of Securities ally Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | |
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Explanation of Responses:

/s/ C. Taylor Cole

03/11/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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