FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Ball Susan E | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CROSS COUNTRY HEALTHCARE INC CCRN] | | | | | | | | | | all app Direct Office | olicable) ctor er (give title | Othe | Owner r (specify |
|--|--|--|--|-------|---|---|-----|--------|--|---------------|--------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CROSS COUNTRY HEALTHCARE, INC. 5201 CONGRESS AVENUE | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2017 | | | | | | | | | General Counsel & Secretary | | | | |
| (Street) BOCA RATON FL 33487 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | | | | | | Execution Da | | Date, | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | | | | | 4 and Secu Bene | | cially d Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | | v | Amount | | (A) or (D) | Price | , | Transa | action(s) 3 and 4) | | (1130.4) | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 12/31/ | | | | | | 1/2017 | | | | | 4,417 | , | D | \$12.76 | | 6 122,774 | | 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) | rative Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | | Date, | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | of | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | | | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | | Expiration Date | Title | or Nur of | nber | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares withheld to cover taxes due on vesting of Performance Stock Awards.

Remarks:

<u>/s/ Susan E. Ball</u> <u>01/03/2018</u>

** 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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