

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Ball Susan E</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O CROSS COUNTRY HEALTHCARE, INC.</u> <u>6551 PARK OF COMMERCE BLVD.</u>  (Street) <u>BOCA RATON FL 33487</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/11/2004	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CROSS COUNTRY HEALTHCARE INC [ CCRN ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>General Counsel &amp; Asst. Secy</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially 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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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	08/08/2012	Common Stock	7,500	12.31	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	04/11/2013	Common Stock	3,500	10.38	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The option is subject to the vesting schedule set forth in the Amended and Restated Stock Option Plan of the Company. The option is currently exercisable as to 1,875 shares. The option will be exercisable as to 3,750 shares as of August 8, 2004, 5,625 as of August 8, 2005 and 7,500 as of August 8, 2006.
- The option is subject to the vesting schedule set forth in the Amended and Restated Stock Option Plan of the Company. The option is currently exercisable as to 875 shares. The option will be exercisable as to 1,750 shares as of April 11, 2005, 2,625 as of April 11, 2006 and 3,500 as of April 11, 2007.

/s/ Susan E. Ball 05/18/2004

\*\* 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 5 (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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