

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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>WARD JONATHAN W</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 948 EVERGREEN DRIVE  (Street) DELRAY BEACH FL 33483  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CROSS COUNTRY HEALTHCARE INC [ CCRN ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Pres., Cross Country Staffing</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/13/2008	

**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	08/13/2008		M		1,000	A	\$7.75	27,979	D	
Common Stock	08/13/2008		S		1,000	D	\$16.36	26,979	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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$7.75	08/13/2008		M			1,000	(I)	12/16/2009	Common Stock	1,000	\$0	20,821 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The options exercised are fully vested.
- Following the option exercises reported in Row 1 of Table II, Mr. Ward has 20,821 option that expire December 16, 2009 to purchase Common Stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$7.75 per share.
- In addition, Mr. Ward has 165,823 options to purchase Common Stock of the Company with different exercise prices from the options reported in Table II.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Jonathan Ward 08/14/2008  
 \*\* 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).

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