

ATHENAHEALTH INC  
Form 8-K  
September 15, 2009  
UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **September 15, 2009**

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**athenahealth, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**                      **001-33689**      **04-3387530**  
(State or other jurisdiction    (Commission    (IRS Employer  
File Number)    Identification No.)

of incorporation)

**311 Arsenal Street, Watertown, MA**      **02472**  
(Address of principal executive offices)    (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **617-402-1000**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On September 15, 2009, athenahealth, Inc. (the “Company”) launched a program guaranteeing that physicians who use its EHR service, athenaClinical<sup>SM</sup>, will receive a HITECH Act bonus payment under the 2011 program year. A copy of a press release issued by the Company regarding this program is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

<i>Exhibit No.</i>	<i>Description</i>
99.1	Press release issued by athenahealth, Inc. on September 15, 2009

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**athenahealth, Inc.**  
(Registrant)

**September 15, 2009**     **/s/ DANIEL H. ORENSTEIN**  
Daniel H. Orenstein  
*VP, General Counsel, and Secretary*

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