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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Howard Christopher L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc.

(Check all applicable)

EVP, GC and Secretary

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

[ACHC]

12/12/2012

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director X_ Officer (give title below)

X 10% Owner Other (specify

ACADIA HEALTHCARE COMPANY, INC., 830 CRESCENT **CENTRE DRIVE, SUITE 610**

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Securities Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(D) Price Amount

Common Stock

12/12/2012

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251,895 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction | orNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | nt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securi | ties | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Howard Christopher L ACADIA HEALTHCARE COMPANY, INC. 830 CRESCENT CENTRE DRIVE, SUITE 610 FRANKLIN. TN 37067 | | X | EVP, GC and Secretary | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Christopher L.
Howard

**Signature of Reporting

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).

Remarks:

In connection with the merger of Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc. ("Acadia") and PHC, Inc., the reporting person entered int a stockholders agreement with Acadia and certain other stockholders. As a result, he may deemed to be a part of a "group" with such other stockholders. To the extent the reporting person is deemed a member of a group, he disclaims beneficial owne of shares owned by other members of the group.

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