

# FORM 4

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br><b>ELSON CHARLES M</b><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><b>1002 WESTOVER ROAD</b><br>(Street)<br><b>WILMINGTON, DE 19807</b><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>HEALTHSOUTH CORP [ HLS ]</b> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)<br><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |
| 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)<br><b>10/16/2017</b>                                                                                                                              |                                                                                | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person                                                            |
| 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution<br>Date, if any | 3. Trans. Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |               |       | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>Following Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
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|                                    |                |                                         | Code                         | V | Amount                                                                  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price |                                                                                                     |                                                                         |                                                                   |
| Healthsouth Common Stock           | 10/16/2017     |                                         | A                            |   | 344 (1)                                                                 | A             | \$0   | 69167                                                                                               | D                                                                       |                                                                   |

#### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivate<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Trans.<br>Date | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution<br>Date, if any | 4. Trans. Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of<br>Derivative Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                               | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
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|                                                |                                                                    |                   |                                         | Code                         | V |                                                                                                    | Date<br>Exercisable                        | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                                                                      | Amount or Number of<br>Shares |                                                     |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                       |                                                                    |

#### Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Pursuant to outstanding restricted stock unit award agreements, additional restricted stock units ("RSUs") are credited to each non-employee director's account on common stock dividend payment dates. The number of RSUs credited is equal to (a) the product of (i) the number of the RSUs in each director's account on the associated dividend record date and (ii) the per share dividend, divided by (b) the closing price on the dividend payment date. On October 16, 2017, HealthSouth paid a dividend on its common stock of \$0.25 per share. The transaction reported on this Form 4 is an award of RSUs associated with that dividend payment.

#### Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                               | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ELSON CHARLES M<br>1002 WESTOVER ROAD<br>WILMINGTON, DE 19807 | X             |           |         |       |

#### Signatures

Patrick Darby, attorney-in-fact for Charles M. Elson

10/18/2017

\*\*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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