

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 * Benjamin Richard J <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> C/O CERUS CORPORATION, 2550 STANWELL DRIVE <small>(Street)</small> CONCORD, CA 94505 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CERUS CORP [CERS] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 3/10/2019 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Chief Medical Officer 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
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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	3/10/2019		M		3000	A	(1)	3000	D	
Common Stock	3/12/2019		S		1079 (2)	D	\$6.48	1921	D	
Common Stock	3/12/2019		M		7500	A	(1)	9421	D	
Common Stock	3/13/2019		S		2832 (2)	D	\$5.9008	6589	D	
Common Stock	3/12/2019		M		15834	A	(1)	22423	D	
Common Stock	3/13/2019		S		5979 (2)	D	\$5.8996	16444	D	

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	3/10/2019		M		3000		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	3000	(4)	0	D	
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	3/12/2019		M		7500		(5)	(5)	Common Stock	7500	(4)	7500	D	
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	3/12/2019		M		15834		(6)	(6)	Common Stock	15834	(4)	31666	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one (1) share of Cerus Common Stock.
- (2) Represents the number of shares required to be sold to cover the statutory tax withholding obligations and corresponding brokerage fee in connection with the vesting of the restricted stock units listed in Table II. This sale is mandated by the election to satisfy the minimum statutory tax withholding obligations through a "sell to cover" transaction and does not represent a discretionary sale by the reporting person.
- (3) The restricted stock unit vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 10, 2017.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) The restricted stock unit vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 12, 2018.
- (6) The restricted stock unit vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 12, 2019.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

Benjamin Richard J C/O CERUS CORPORATION 2550 STANWELL DRIVE CONCORD, CA 94505			Chief Medical Officer	
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Signatures

Richard J. Benjamin, by Chrystal Menard, attorney-in-fact

3/13/2019

**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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