

# 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

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</b>  <b>Benjamin Richard J</b> <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small>  <b>C/O CERUS CORPORATION, 2550 STANWELL DRIVE</b> <small>(Street)</small>  <b>CONCORD, CA 94505</b> <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b>  <b>CERUS CORP [ CERS ]</b>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</span> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Officer</b> (give title below) <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</span> <b>Chief Medical Officer</b>
<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>  <p align="center"><b>8/14/2018</b></p>		<b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
<b>4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>		

**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	8/14/2018		M		35416	A	\$4.33	35416	D	
Common Stock	8/14/2014		S		35416	D	\$7.2006	0	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				
Option (Right to BUy)	\$4.33	8/14/2018		M		35416		(1)	2/27/2027	Common Stock	35416	(2)	64584	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) One eighth (1/8th) of the shares subject to the Option vested six (6) months after the grant date, and one forty-eighth (1/48th) of the shares subject to the Option vested on the first day of each month thereafter.
- (2) Not applicable.

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>Benjamin Richard J C/O CERUS CORPORATION 2550 STANWELL DRIVE CONCORD, CA 94505</b>			<b>Chief Medical Officer</b>	

**Signatures**

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

**8/14/2018**

\*\*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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