

SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS INC  
Form SC 13D  
January 10, 2018

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13D**  
**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**SunLink Health Systems, Inc.**

**(Name of Issuer)**

**Common Stock, no par value**

**(Title of Class of Securities)**

**867370102**

**(CUSIP Number)**

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**(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person**

**Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)**

**December 28, 2017**

**(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)**

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS  
(ENTITIES ONLY)

2 HOWARD E. TURNER  
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(see instructions)

(a) Not Applicable

(b) Not Applicable

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (see instructions)

5 PF  
CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA  
NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 427,777  
8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

EACH

0  
REPORTING 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON

WITH

427,777  
10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

427,777

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES  
(see instructions)

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

5.8%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (see instructions)

IN

**Item 1. Security and Issuer.**

The securities covered by this Schedule 13D are shares on common stock, no par value (the Common Stock ) of SunLink Health Systems, Inc., an Ohio corporation (the Company ). The Company 's principal offices are located at 900 Circle 75 Parkway, Suite 1120, Atlanta, Georgia 30339.

**Item 2. Identity and Background.**

- (a) This Schedule 13D is being filed by Howard E. Turner (the Reporting Person ).
- (b) The business address of the Reporting Person is: c/o Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP, 1230 Peachtree Street, Suite 3100, Promenade, Atlanta, GA 30309
- (c) The Reporting Person is a partner in the law firm of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP, 1230 Peachtree Street, Suite 3100, Promenade, Atlanta, GA 30309 and a member of the board of directors of the Company.
- (d) The Reporting Person has not, during the past five years, been convicted in any criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations and similar misdemeanors).
- (e) The Reporting Person has not, during the past five years, been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction that resulted in enjoining future violations of or prohibition or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.
- (f) The Reporting Person is a U.S. citizen.

**Item 3. Source or Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.**

On December 28, 2017, the Company purchased from the Reporting Person 24,781 shares of Common Shares of the Company pursuant to the Company 's Offer to Purchase dated November 21, 2017, as amended December 7, 2017 (the Offer to Purchase ), made to the shareholders of the Company. The shares of Common Stock so purchased by the Company were purchased with funds on hand of the Company and the shares so sold by the Reporting Person were originally acquired with personal funds of the Reporting Person.

**Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.**

The Company 's stated purpose in making its Offer to Purchase was to return capital to its shareholders. The Reporting Person sold the 24,781 Common Shares to raise cash for personal purposes. The Company reportedly purchased 1,745,751 Common Shares in connection with the Offer to Purchase. The effect of the purchases by the Company was to increase the percentage of ownership by the Reporting Person to approximately 5.8%.

- (a) The Reporting person has no plans to acquire additional shares of the Issuer 's stock. The reporting Person presently has options to acquire 50,000 shares of the Company 's Common stock.
- (b) The Reporting Person does not currently contemplate any extraordinary corporate transaction involving the Company.
- (c) The Reporting Person does not currently contemplate any transactions that would result in the sale or transfer of a material amount of assets of the Company.

(d) The Reporting Person does not currently contemplate any change in the Board of Directors or management of the Company.

(e) The Reporting Person does not currently contemplate any change to the capitalization or dividend policy of the Company.

- (f) The Reporting Person does not currently contemplate any other material change in the Issuer's business or corporate structure of the Company.
- (g) The Reporting Person does not currently contemplate any changes in the Company charter, bylaws or instruments corresponding thereto or other actions which may impede the acquisition of control by any person.
- (h) The Reporting Person does not currently contemplate causing a class of securities of the Company to be delisted from a national securities exchange or cease to be authorized to be quoted in an inter-dealer quotation system of a national securities association.
- (i) The Reporting Person does not currently contemplate any class of equity securities of the Company becoming eligible for termination of registration pursuant to Section 12(g)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- (j) The Reporting Person does not currently contemplate any action similar to any of those enumerated above.

**Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.**

(a) As of the date of this report, the Reporting Person beneficially owns 427,777 shares of the Company's Common Stock representing 5.8% of the 7,416,814 shares of the Company's issued and outstanding capital stock.

(b) The number of shares as to which the Reporting Person has:

Sole power to vote or direct the vote: 427,777

Shared power to vote or direct the vote: -0-

Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 427,777

Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

**Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.**

Not applicable

**Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits.**

Not applicable

**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

/s/ Howard E. Turner  
Howard E. Turner

January 10, 2018