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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Howard Christopher L</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 6100 TOWER CIRCLE, SUITE 1000 (Street) FRANKLIN TN 37067 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc. [ACHC]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) EVP, GC and Secretary |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/11/2021 | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction 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 | 03/05/2021 | | G ⁽¹⁾ | V | 7,359 | A | \$0.00 | 128,236 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2021 | | S | | 33,228 | D | \$58.09 ⁽²⁾ | 95,008 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2021 | | M | | 6,466 | A | \$15.96 | 101,474 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2021 | | M | | 9,500 | A | \$29.39 | 110,974 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/05/2021 | | G ⁽¹⁾ | V | 7,359 | D | \$0.00 | 93,616 ⁽³⁾ | I | See Footnote ⁽⁴⁾ |

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year) | | 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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Stock Option | \$15.96 | 03/11/2021 | | M | | | 6,466 | 03/19/2013 | 03/19/2022 | Common Stock | 6,466 | \$0.00 | 0 | D | |
| Stock Option | \$29.39 | 03/11/2021 | | M | | | 9,500 | 03/29/2014 | 03/29/2023 | Common Stock | 9,500 | \$0.00 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- This transaction involved a gift of 7,359 shares by the Christopher L. Howard Family 2017 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust to the reporting person.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$58.00 to \$58.18, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc. (Acadia), any security holder of Acadia, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- Mr. Howard expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- Includes 33,616 shares held by the Christopher L. Howard Family 2017 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust, 33,616 shares held by the Angie Parrott Howard Family 2017 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust and 26,384 shares held by the reporting person's spouse.

Remarks:

/s/ Christopher L. Howard 03/15/2021

** 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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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