### MERGE HEALTHCARE INC

Form 4

September 11, 2012

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Merrick RIS, LLC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

MERGE HEALTHCARE INC

[MRGE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year) 09/07/2012

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X\_\_ 10% Owner \_\_ Other (specify

350 NORTH ORLEANS

(First)

STREET,, 10TH FLOOR

(Middle)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Officer (give title below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Director

Form filed by One Reporting Person \_X\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60654

| (City)                               | (State)                                 | (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |  |                   |   |                |  |  |   |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|-------------------|---|----------------|--|--|---|--|--|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year)                            | 3.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | omr Disposed of   | e. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)  Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or |                | Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 09/07/2012                              |  | Code $V$ $J_{\underline{(1)}}$         | Amount 21,085,715 | (D)   | Price \$ 0 (1) | (Instr. 3 and 4)<br>10,860,522                   | D (2)  |   |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 09/07/2012                              |  | J <u>(1)</u>                           | 1,529,299         | A   | \$ 0<br>(1)    | 2,029,299  | I  | See footnote (3)  |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 09/07/2012                              |  | J <u>(1)</u>                           | 16,047,652        | A   | \$ 0<br>(1)    | 16,047,652                                       | I  | See footnote (4)  |  |  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transacti<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5.<br>orNumber<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or |                     | ate                | 7. Title<br>Amoun<br>Underly<br>Securit<br>(Instr. 3 | nt of<br>ying                          | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Owne<br>Follo<br>Repo |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|--|--|---|--|
|   |   |                                      |   |                                       | Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,   |                     |                    |  |  |   | Trans<br>(Instr  |
|   |   |                                      |   | Code V                                | 4, and 5) (A) (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title I  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |
| Merrick RIS, LLC<br>350 NORTH ORLEANS STREET,<br>10TH FLOOR<br>CHICAGO, IL 60654   |               | X         |         |       |  |  |  |
| FERRO MICHAEL W JR<br>350 NORTH ORLEANS STREET,<br>10TH FLOOR<br>CHICAGO, IL 60654 | X             | X         |         |       |  |  |  |
| Signatures   |               |           |         |       |  |  |  |
| /s/ Mark Harris, as<br>Attorney-in-Fact  | 09/11/2012    |           |         |       |  |  |  |
| **Signature of Reporting Person  | E             | Pate      |         |       |  |  |  |
| /s/ Mark Harris, as<br>Attorney-in-Fact  | 09/11/2012    |           |         |       |  |  |  |
| **Signature of Reporting Person  | D             | Oate      |         |       |  |  |  |
|  |               |           |         |       |  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* 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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- (1) Distribution by Merrick RIS, LLC ("RIS") for no consideration to its direct and indirect owners.
- Directly owned by RIS and indirectly owned by Michael W. Ferro, Jr. ("Mr. Ferro"). Mr. Ferro is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of RIS. Mr. Ferro and trusts for the benefit of Mr. Ferro's family members own a majority of the equity interests in RIS. As a result of the foregoing, Mr. Ferro indirectly controls all shares of Merge common stock owned by RIS. Mr. Ferro disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
  - Directly owned by Merrick Ventures, LLC ("Merrick Ventures") and indirectly owned by Mr. Ferro. Mr. Ferro and trusts for the benefit of Mr. Ferro's family members own a majority of the equity interests in Merrick Ventures. Mr. Ferro is the Chairman and Chief
- (3) Executive Officer of Merrick Ventures. As a result of the foregoing, Mr. Ferro indirectly controls all shares of Merge common stock owned by Merrick Ventures. Mr. Ferro disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- Directly owned by Merrick Venture Management, LLC ("MVM") and indirectly owned by Mr. Ferro. Mr. Ferro is the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Member of MVM. Mr. Ferro and trusts for the benefit of Mr. Ferro's family members own all of the equity interest in MVM. As a result of the foregoing, Mr. Ferro indirectly controls all shares of Merge common stock owned by MVM. Mr. Ferro disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

#### **Remarks:**

The reporting persons are RIS, a ten percent beneficial owner and Mr. Ferro, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Merge Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.