

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/27/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice President and Controller

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 | 02/27/2008 | | A | | 22,000 | A | \$ 0 |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2008 | | F | | 3,704 | D | \$ 32.01 |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2008 | | F | | 1,764 | D | \$ 31.07 |

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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 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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.3 | | | | | 05/22/2004 | 05/22/2013 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 32.37 | | | | | 02/28/2006 | 02/28/2013 | Common Stock | 0 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 38.3 | | | | | 03/01/2007 | 03/01/2014 | Common Stock | 0 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 37.21 | | | | | 02/28/2008 | 02/28/2015 | Common Stock | 7,500 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 40.41 | | | | | 07/25/2007 | 07/25/2015 | Common Stock | 15,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 32.28 | 02/27/2008 | | A | 7,500 | 02/27/2009 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/27/2018 | Common Stock | 7,500 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Vice President and Controller

BUFORD T MARK
4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD
FRANKLIN, TN 37067

Signatures

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact for T. Mark
Buford

02/29/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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).

(1) Vesting occurs in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.

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