

SMITH WAYNE T
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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 *
SMITH WAYNE T

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)
10/31/2011

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, President & CEO

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
					\$		
Common Stock	10/31/2011		A	100,000	A 17.692 (1)	I	Spouse
Common Stock					879,677	D	
Common Stock					107,383	I	by 2010 GRAT
Common Stock					200,000	I	by 2011 GRAT
Common Stock					51,059	I	by 2009 WTS

Irrevocable
Trust Dated
2/27/09

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

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(9-02)**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0					(2)	(2)	Common Stock	200,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.3					05/22/2004	05/22/2013	Common Stock	500,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.37					02/28/2006	02/28/2013	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.3					03/01/2007	03/01/2014	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.21					02/28/2008	02/28/2015	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.28					02/27/2009	02/26/2018	Common Stock	200,000

Buy)

Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.41	07/25/2008	07/24/2017	Common Stock	500,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.18	02/25/2010	02/24/2019	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.9	02/24/2011	02/23/2020	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.96	02/23/2012	02/22/2021	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH WAYNE T 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD FRANKLIN, TN 37067	X		Chairman, President & CEO	

Signatures

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for Wayne T.
Smith 10/31/2011

__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) The shares were acquired in a series of transactions at an average price per share of \$17.692.

Each performance based restricted share represents a contingent right to receive one share of CYH common stock. There are two elements to the lapsing of the restriction; first, the Company must achieve specified targeted amount of earnings per share from

- (2) continuing operations, or net revenue from continuing operations, and if the performance objective is met, the vesting restrictions will lapse in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant. If the objectives are not met, the shares will be forfeited.

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