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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad BUFORD T		ting Person *	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) 155 FRANKI	(First) LIN ROAD,	(Middle) SUITE 400	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/02/2005	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive Officer - Reporting		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
BRENTWOOD, TN 37027				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative :	Secur	ities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y 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. Securit on(A) or Dia (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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)
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	M	10,000	A	\$ 13	40,451	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S	100	D	\$ 37.04	40,351	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S	9,900	D	\$ 36.95	30,451	D	

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 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Secu Acqu or Di (D)	rities nired (A) isposed of r. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercise Expiration Data (Month/Day/Y	te	7. Title and Lunderlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	M		10,000	06/08/2001	06/08/2010	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 20.3						05/22/2004	05/22/2013	Common Stock	70,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 32.37						02/28/2006	02/28/2015	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BUFORD T MARK 155 FRANKLIN ROAD SUITE 400 BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

Executive Officer - Reporting

Signatures

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact 05/03/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Da

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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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