

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 07, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 7, 2012

**COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-15925**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**13-3893191**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**4000 Meridian Boulevard**

**Franklin, Tennessee 37067**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)**

**(615) 465-7000**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On December 7, 2012, Community Health Systems, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors has declared a special cash dividend of \$0.25 per share, payable on December 28, 2012, to holders of record of the Company s issued and outstanding common stock at the close of business on December 17, 2012. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

**Exhibit**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
99.1	Community Health Systems, Inc. press release dated December 7, 2012.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: December 7, 2012

By: /s/ Wayne T. Smith

Wayne T. Smith  
Chairman of the Board,

President and Chief Executive Officer

(principal executive officer)

By: /s/ W. Larry Cash

W. Larry Cash  
Executive Vice President, Chief

Financial Officer and Director

(principal financial officer)

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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