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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SEIFERT RACHEL A | | | 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) 7100 COMM 100 | (First) IERCE WA | (Middle) Y, SUITE | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2006 | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior VP and Secretary | | |
| BRENTWO | (Street) OD, TN 3702 | 27 | 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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac | Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | |

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|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|-----------|--------|--|--|---|----------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acc Transaction(A) or Disposed Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5 (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) | | 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 | | | | | | | 30,255 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2006 | | A | 20,000 | A | \$ 0 | 50,255 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2006 | | F | 1,764 | D | \$ 37.92 | 48,491 | 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) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year | | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|--------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Share |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 13 | | | | | 06/08/2001 | 06/08/2010 | Common Stock | 0 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.3 | | | | | 05/22/2004 | 05/22/2013 | Common Stock | 0 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 32.37 | | | | | 02/28/2006 | 02/28/2013 | Common Stock | 0 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 38.3 | 03/01/2006 | | A | 15,000 | 03/01/2007(1) | 03/01/2014 | Common Stock | 15,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | |

SEIFERT RACHEL A 7100 COMMERCE WAY SUITE 100

Senior VP and Secretary

Signatures

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

/s/ Rachel A. 03/03/2006 Seifert

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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- * 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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