

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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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)
155 FRANKLIN ROAD, SUITE 400
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/02/2005

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

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 08/02/2005 | 08/02/2005 | M | | 23,333 A \$ 20.3 | 53,784 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/02/2005 | 08/02/2005 | M | | 1,749 D \$ 38.12 | 52,035 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/02/2005 | 08/02/2005 | M | | 2,700 D \$ 38.07 | 49,335 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/02/2005 | 08/02/2005 | M | | 1,800 D \$ 38.08 | 47,535 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/02/2005 | 08/02/2005 | M | | 1,900 D \$ 38.1 | 45,635 | D |

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|--------------|------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 08/02/2005 | 08/02/2005 | M | 3,300 | D | \$ 38.11 | 42,335 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/02/2005 | 08/02/2005 | M | 984 | D | \$ 38.17 | 41,351 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/02/2005 | 08/02/2005 | M | 2,300 | D | \$ 38.16 | 39,051 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/02/2005 | 08/02/2005 | M | 2,000 | D | \$ 38 | 37,051 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/02/2005 | 08/02/2005 | M | 4,300 | D | \$ 38.14 | 32,751 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/02/2005 | 08/02/2005 | M | 2,300 | D | \$ 38.15 | 30,451 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/02/2005 | 08/02/2005 | S | 600 | D | \$ 38.33 | 29,851 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/02/2005 | 08/02/2005 | S | 1,500 | D | \$ 38.21 | 28,351 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/02/2005 | 08/02/2005 | S | 3,000 | D | \$ 38.04 | 25,351 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/02/2005 | 08/02/2005 | S | 4,500 | D | \$ 38.15 | 20,851 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/02/2005 | 08/02/2005 | S | 851 | D | \$ 38.12 | 20,000 | 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. 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 |
| Stock Options | \$ 20.3 | 08/02/2005 | 08/02/2005 | M | 23,333 | 05/22/2004 05/22/2013 | Common Stock | 23,333 | |

(Right to Buy)

Stock

Options (Right to Buy) \$ 32.37

02/28/2006 02/28/2016 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 | | | Vice President and Controller | |

Signatures

T. Mark Buford, by Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact 08/02/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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