

Smith Patton Paul
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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 *
Smith Patton Paul

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)
08/20/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Division President

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 08/20/2018 | | P | 10,000 A 3.513 | 103,417 | D | |
| | | | | (1) | | | |

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)

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| 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 (Right to Buy) | \$ 30.32 | | | | | 02/24/2011 | 02/23/2020 | Common Stock | 1,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 34.38 | | | | | 02/23/2012 | 02/22/2021 | Common Stock | 1,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 17.49 | | | | | 02/16/2013 | 02/15/2022 | Common Stock | 1,000 |
| Performance Based Restricted | \$ 0 | | | | | 03/01/2020 ⁽²⁾ | 02/28/2027 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Performance Based Restricted | \$ 0 | | | | | 03/01/2021 ⁽³⁾ | 02/28/2028 | Common Stock | 30,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Smith Patton Paul 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD FRANKLIN, TN 37067 | | | Division President | |

Signatures

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for Patton Paul
Smith

08/20/2018

__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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(1) These shares were purchased in a series of transactions at a weighted average purchase price of approximately \$3.513 per share.

(2) The vesting of these performance-based restricted shares is subject to the attainment of certain performance objectives between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2019 (the "2017-2019 Performance Period"). The target number (100%) of the total performance-based restricted shares is reported in the table set forth above. Between 0% and 200% of the target number of performance-based restricted shares subject to the attainment of the applicable performance objectives will ultimately vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, with the vesting percentage to be determined based upon achievement with respect to the applicable criteria during the 2017-2019 Performance Period.

(3) The vesting of these performance-based restricted shares is subject to the attainment of certain performance objectives between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2020 (the "2018-2020 Performance Period"). The target number (100%) of the total performance-based restricted shares is reported in the table set forth above. Between 0% and 200% of the target number of performance-based restricted shares subject to the attainment of the applicable performance measures will ultimately vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, with the vesting percentage to be determined based upon achievement with respect to the applicable criteria during the 2018-2020 Performance Period.

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