

SMITH WAYNE T  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 WAYNE T

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)  
10/31/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman, President & CEO

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |         |   |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---------|---|--------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   | (A) or (D) Price                                      |         |   |              |
| Common Stock                    | 10/31/2011                           |  | A                              |   | 100,000   | A  | 17.692  | 102,000 | I | Spouse       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | <u>(1)</u>  | 879,677 | D |              |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   | 107,383 | I | by 2010 GRAT |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   | 200,000 | I | by 2011 GRAT |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   | 51,059  | I | by 2009 WTS  |

Irrevocable  
Trust Dated  
2/27/09

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(9-02)**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 |
| Performance Based Restricted               | \$ 0   |                                      |  |                                |   | (2)  | (2)   | Common Stock | 200,000                    |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 20.3  |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/22/2004   | 05/22/2013  | Common Stock | 500,000                    |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 32.37   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/28/2006   | 02/28/2013  | Common Stock | 100,000                    |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 38.3  |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2007   | 03/01/2014  | Common Stock | 100,000                    |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 37.21   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/28/2008   | 02/28/2015  | Common Stock | 100,000                    |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 32.28   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/27/2009   | 02/26/2018  | Common Stock | 200,000                    |

Buy)

|                                       |          |            |            |                 |         |
|---------------------------------------|----------|------------|------------|-----------------|---------|
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 40.41 | 07/25/2008 | 07/24/2017 | Common<br>Stock | 500,000 |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 18.18 | 02/25/2010 | 02/24/2019 | Common<br>Stock | 50,000  |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 33.9  | 02/24/2011 | 02/23/2020 | Common<br>Stock | 50,000  |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 37.96 | 02/23/2012 | 02/22/2021 | Common<br>Stock | 50,000  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| SMITH WAYNE T<br>4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD<br>FRANKLIN, TN 37067 | X             |           | Chairman, President & CEO |       |

## Signatures

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for Wayne T.  
Smith 10/31/2011

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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).

(1) The shares were acquired in a series of transactions at an average price per share of \$17.692.

Each performance based restricted share represents a contingent right to receive one share of CYH common stock. There are two elements to the lapsing of the restriction; first, the Company must achieve specified targeted amount of earnings per share from

(2) continuing operations, or net revenue from continuing operations, and if the performance objective is met, the vesting restrictions will lapse in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant. If the objectives are not met, the shares will be forfeited.

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