

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 10, 2010

**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  
December 9, 2010 (December 9, 2010)**

**Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)  
COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)**

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

001-15925  
(Commission File Number)

13-3893191  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

4000 Meridian Boulevard  
Franklin, Tennessee 37067  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (615) 465-7000

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)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - 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))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On December 9, 2010, Community Health Systems, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that it has submitted a proposal to the Board of Directors of Tenet Healthcare Corporation ( Tenet ) to acquire all of the outstanding shares of Tenet for \$6.00 per share in cash and stock of the Company. The press release, including the full text of a letter dated December 9, 2010 to the Board of Directors of Tenet communicating the Company s proposal, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference into this Item 8.01.

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

(d) Exhibits.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release issued by Community Health Systems, Inc., dated December 9, 2010.
99.2	Investor Presentation Materials, dated December 9, 2010.

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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.

Date: December 9, 2010

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.  
(Registrant)

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)

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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