

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC

Form 8-K

February 22, 2006

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**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  
February 22, 2006  
Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)**

**COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.**  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware	001-15925	13-3893191
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

7100 Commerce Way, Suite 100  
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027  
(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)
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The information contained in this Form 8-K (including the exhibits hereto) shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**ITEM 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On February 22, 2006, Community Health Systems, Inc. (the Company ), announced operating results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2005. A copy of the related press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**ITEM 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

The earnings press release referred to in Item 2.02 above also includes an update to the Company s previous 2006 guidance. A copy of the related press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Exhibits**

The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

99.1 Community Health Systems, Inc. Press Release dated February 22, 2006.

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 22, 2006

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)

By: /s/ T. Mark Buford  
T. Mark Buford  
Vice President and Corporate Controller  
(principal accounting officer)

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