

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 *
 Ely James S. III

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 BLVD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/27/2016

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | Amount | | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2016 | | M | 1,198 | A | \$ 0 (1) | 41,425 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 4,990 | I | By E5 Investors LLC |

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 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 02/27/2016 | | M | 1,198 | 02/27/2014 | 02/26/2023 | Common Stock | 1,198 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | | | | | 03/01/2015 | 02/29/2024 | Common Stock | 2,409 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | | | | | 03/01/2016 | 02/28/2025 | Common Stock | 3,504 |
| Stock Units (SU) | \$ 0 | | | | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 2,882.47 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ely James S. III 4000 MERIDIAN BLVD FRANKLIN, TN 37067 | | X | | |

Signatures

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for James S. Ely
02/29/2016

__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 security converts to common stock on a one-to-one basis.

(2) The Stock Units were accrued under the Company's Directors' Fees Deferral Plan in lieu of a portion of the Reporting Person's Director Fees and are settled 100% in the Company's common stock upon cessation as a director or upon a date specified by the director.

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