

WATSON H MITCHELL JR
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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 *
WATSON H MITCHELL JR

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)
09/28/2012

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)
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	09/28/2012	09/28/2012	M			4,987	A	20,404	D

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Units (SU)	(1)	09/28/2012	09/28/2012	M	4,987.119	09/28/2012 09/28/2012	Common Stock	4,987.119
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.13					05/25/2005 05/25/2014	Common Stock	10,000.000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.71					01/03/2006 01/03/2015	Common Stock	5,000.000
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0					02/24/2011 02/23/2020	Common Stock	1,000.000
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0					02/16/2013 02/15/2022	Common Stock	6,000.000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WATSON H MITCHELL JR 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD FRANKLIN, TN 37067	X			

Signatures

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for H. Mitchell
Watson, Jr. 10/01/2012

__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 stock units were accrued under the Company's Directors' Fees' Deferral Plan (the "Plan") and are settled 100% in the Company's common stock upon cessation as a director or upon a date specified by the director.
- (2) Pursuant to the Plan, cash payment is made for the fractional unit (.119), which is canceled and does not convert into a fractional share of the Issuer's common stock.

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