
**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**

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): December 11, 2020 (December 9, 2020)

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

001-15925
(Commission
File Number)

13-3893191
(IRS 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:

- 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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	CYH	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 9, 2020, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Community Health Systems, Inc. (the “Company”) appointed Tim L. Hingtgen as Chief Executive Officer of the Company, effective January 1, 2021, in place of Wayne T. Smith, who is currently the Company’s Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. The Board has appointed Mr. Smith as Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors, also effective January 1, 2021. The contemplated appointments of Mr. Hingtgen as Chief Executive Officer and of Mr. Smith as Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors were previously announced in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Company on October 27, 2020, which is incorporated herein by reference.

In addition, on December 9, 2020, the Board, upon the recommendation of the Compensation Committee of the Board, approved an annual base salary for Mr. Hingtgen for 2021 of \$1,200,000 in connection with his upcoming service as Chief Executive Officer, and an annual base salary for Mr. Smith for 2021 of \$1,000,000 in connection with his upcoming service as Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors. It is contemplated that the Board, at its February 2021 meeting, will approve cash incentive compensation and long-term incentive compensation for Mr. Hingtgen and Mr. Smith commensurate with their new roles with the Company.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

