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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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	ART MARTIN	G	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC</u> [CYH]		tionship of Reporting Pers all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)	son(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)
(Last) 155 FRANKLIN SUITE 400	(First) ROAD	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/03/2005		Executive Officer -	Reporting
(Street) BRENTWOOD (City)	TN (State)	37027 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	vidual or Joint/Group Filing Form filed by One Repo Form filed by More thar Person	orting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and			(A) or		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
			Code V		Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/03/2005	05/03/2005	М		20,000	A	\$13	47,020	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2005	05/03/2005	S		400	D	\$36.29	46,620	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2005	05/03/2005	S		19,600	D	\$36.3	27,020	D	

 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. Transa Code (8)		of		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/)	ate	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$13	05/03/2005	05/03/2005	М			20,000	06/08/2001	06/08/2010	Common Stock	20,000	\$0	6,667	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$20.3							05/22/2004	05/22/2013	Common Stock	90,000		90,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$32.37							02/28/2006	02/28/2015	Common Stock	20,000		20,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact

05/04/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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