

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SMITH WAYNE T (Last) (First) (Middle) 155 FRANKLIN ROAD SUITE 400 (Street) BRENTWOOD TN 37027 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Executive Officer and Director
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2005	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/02/2005	03/02/2005	M		250,000	A	\$13	846,221	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2005	03/02/2005	S		900	D	\$32.64	845,321	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2005	03/02/2005	S		100	D	\$32.65	845,221	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2005	03/02/2005	S		600	D	\$32.62	844,621	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2005	03/02/2005	S		1,500	D	\$32.63	843,121	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2005	03/02/2005	S		600	D	\$32.61	842,521	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2005	03/02/2005	S		1,900	D	\$32.56	840,621	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2005	03/02/2005	S		59,000	D	\$32.54	781,621	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2005	03/02/2005	S		13,300	D	\$32.53	768,321	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2005	03/02/2005	S		13,100	D	\$32.55	755,221	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2005	03/02/2005	S		900	D	\$32.57	754,321	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2005	03/02/2005	S		2,200	D	\$32.58	752,121	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2005	03/02/2005	S		5,700	D	\$32.59	746,421	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2005	03/02/2005	S		4,400	D	\$32.5	742,021	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2005	03/02/2005	S		1,000	D	\$32.51	741,021	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2005	03/02/2005	S		200	D	\$32.52	740,821	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2005	03/03/2005	S		127,600	D	\$32.5	613,221	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2005	03/03/2005	S		9,900	D	\$32.51	603,321	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2005	03/03/2005	S		100	D	\$32.52	603,221	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2005	03/03/2005	S		2,000	D	\$32.55	601,221	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2005	03/03/2005	S		300	D	\$32.56	600,921	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2005	03/03/2005	S		500	D	\$32.6	600,421	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2005	03/03/2005	S		800	D	\$32.61	599,621	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2005	03/03/2005	S		3,300	D	\$32.62	596,321	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2005	03/03/2005	S		100	D	\$32.63	596,221	D	
Common Stock								2,000	I	spouse

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)	4. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	5. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	6. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	7. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	8. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	9. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	10. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	11. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	12. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$13	03/02/2005	03/02/2005	M	(D) 250,000	06/08/2001-06/08/2010	Common Stock 250,000	\$0	750,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$20.3					05/22/2004-05/22/2013	Common Stock 750,000		750,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$32.37					02/28/2006-02/28/2015	Common Stock 100,000		100,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact 03/03/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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).

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