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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FRY JOHN A | | | | | <u>C</u> | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Iss (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Ov | | | | | |
|---|---|------------|--------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--------------------|---------------|------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|---|--|--|----|--|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD | | | | 3. | CYH] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/23/2013 | | | | | | | | | Officer (give title below) | | Other (specify below) | | specify | |
| (Street) FRANKLIN TN 37067 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | 4. | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (=-9) | | | | Non-Deri | ivativ | e Sec | curit | ties Ad | cauire | d. D | isposed o | of. or Be | enefic | cially | Owned | <u> </u> | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | tion | on 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | ed Date, | 3. 4. Securities A | | | Acquired (A) or (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | Reporte Transac (Instr. 3 | ansaction(s) nstr. 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock 05/23 | | | | | 2013 | | | | M | | 10,000 | A | \$0 | .00 | 37 | ,657 | | D | |
| Common Stock 05/23/ | | | | 2013 | 13 | | | | | 5,000 | A | \$0 | .00 | 42,657 | | D | | | |
| Common Stock 05/23/201 | | | | 2013 | 13 | | | S | | 15,000 | D | D \$43.0005 ⁽¹⁾ | | | 27,657 | | D | | |
| | | • | Table | | | | | | | | posed of, converti | | | | wned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | if any | emed ion Date, /Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | Expira | e Exerc ation D h/Day/ | | 7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4) | | D | Price of erivative ecurity 1str. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | ly | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exerc | isable | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Num of Shar | ber | | | | | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$27.71 | 05/23/2013 | | | M | | | 5,000 | 01/03 | /2006 | 01/03/2015 | Common Stock | 5,0 | 00 | \$0.00 | 0 | | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$25.13 | 05/23/2013 | | | M | | | 10,000 | 05/25 | /2005 | 05/25/2014 | Common Stock | 10,0 | 000 | \$0.00 | 0 | | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$0.00 | | | | | | | | 02/23 | /2012 | 02/22/2021 | Common Stock | 1,2 | 30 | | 1,230 | | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$0.00 | | | | | | | | 02/16 | /2013 | 02/15/2022 | Common Stock | 4,4 | 30 | | 4,430 | | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$0.00 | | | | | | | | 02/27 | /2014 | 02/26/2023 | Common Stock | 3,5 | 96 | | 3,596 | | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The shares were sold in a series of transactions at a weighted average price of \$43.0005 per share.

Remarks:

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for John Anderson Fry

05/23/2013

** 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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