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**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**

**April 18, 2011 (April 18, 2011)  
Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)**

**COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

001-15925  
(Commission File Number)

13-3893191  
(I.R.S. 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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On April 18, 2011, Community Health Systems, Inc. issued a press release announcing that it has submitted a proposal to the Board of Directors of Tenet Healthcare Corporation ("Tenet") to acquire all of the outstanding shares of Tenet for \$6.00 per share in cash. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference into this Item 8.01.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release issued by Community Health Systems, Inc., dated April 18, 2011.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 18, 2011

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Wayne T. Smith  
Wayne T. Smith  
Chairman of the Board,  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

By: /s/ W. Larry Cash  
W. Larry Cash  
Executive Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer and Director  
(principal financial officer)

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Community Health  
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## COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS MAKES ALL-CASH OFFER FOR TENET

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (April 18, 2011) — Community Health Systems, Inc. (NYSE: CYH) (“CHS”) today announced that it is now offering \$6.00 per share in cash to acquire all outstanding shares of Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC). The previous CHS offer was for \$5.00 per share in cash and \$1.00 per share in CHS common stock. The new offer was made in a letter to Tenet’s Board of Directors today.

Wayne T. Smith, chairman, president and chief executive officer of CHS, said, “Converting our offer to all cash underscores our commitment to completing this transaction and renders Tenet’s irresponsible and inaccurate lawsuit irrelevant to our offer. We are confident that our business practices are appropriate and we will respond in detail to Tenet’s claims in due course. Tenet shareholders should be outraged by the billions of dollars in shareholder value that the Tenet Board has destroyed for its own shareholders and the industry at large as a result of its reckless and self-serving allegations. We are confident that Tenet shareholders will hold the entrenched Tenet Board accountable for this scorched earth response to our acquisition proposal.”

Mr. Smith continued, “Despite the value-destroying defensive tactics employed by the Tenet Board, we remain ready to engage in constructive discussions to move this transaction forward without further delay. As we have made clear, we would welcome the opportunity to review any additional information Tenet can provide and are prepared to recognize any additional value it can demonstrate.”

Each of Credit Suisse and Goldman Sachs has informed CHS that, subject to customary terms and conditions, it is highly confident that financing for CHS’s all-cash offer for the outstanding shares of Tenet can be obtained in the capital markets.

On December 9, 2010, CHS made public an offer to acquire Tenet for \$6.00 per share, including \$5.00 per share in cash and \$1.00 per share in CHS common stock. The offer represented a 40% premium to Tenet’s unaffected stock price. The offer was made in a letter to Tenet’s Board of Directors on November 12, 2010, and rejected by Tenet on December 6, 2010. On January 14, 2011, CHS gave the required notice to Tenet that it intends to nominate a full slate of 10 independent director nominees for election to Tenet’s Board of Directors at its 2011 Annual Meeting. Tenet has delayed the meeting until November 3, 2011, and its entire Board is up for reelection.

Credit Suisse and Goldman, Sachs & Co. are acting as financial advisors, Kirkland & Ellis LLP as legal counsel and D. F. King & Co. as proxy solicitor for CHS.

### About Community Health Systems, Inc.

Located in the Nashville, Tennessee, suburb of Franklin, Community Health Systems, Inc. is one of the largest publicly traded hospital companies in the United States and a leading operator of general acute care hospitals in non-urban and mid-size markets throughout the country. Through its subsidiaries, the Company currently owns, leases or operates 130 hospitals in 29 states with an aggregate of approximately 19,400 licensed beds. Its hospitals offer a broad range of inpatient and surgical services, outpatient treatment and skilled nursing care. In addition, through its subsidiary Quorum Health Resources, LLC, the Company provides management and consulting services to approximately 150 independent non-affiliated general acute care hospitals located throughout the United States.

### Forward-Looking Statements

Any statements made in this news release that are not statements of historical fact, including statements about our beliefs and expectations, including any benefits of the proposed acquisition of Tenet Healthcare Corporation (“Tenet”), are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws and should be evaluated as such. Forward-looking statements include statements that may relate to our plans, objectives, strategies, goals, future events, future revenues or performance, and other information that is not historical information. These forward-looking statements may be identified by words such as “anticipate,” “expect,” “suggest,” “plan,” “believe,” “intend,” “estimate,” “target,” “project,” “could,” “should,” “may,” “will,” “would,” “continue,” “forecast,” and other similar expressions.

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These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, and you should be aware that many factors could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. Factors that may materially affect such forward-looking statements include: our ability to successfully complete any proposed transaction or realize the anticipated benefits of a transaction, our ability to obtain stockholder, antitrust, regulatory and other approvals for any proposed transaction, or an inability to obtain them on the terms proposed or on the anticipated schedule, and uncertainty of our expected financial performance following completion of any proposed transaction and other risks and uncertainties referenced in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Forward-looking statements, like all statements in this news release, speak only as of the date of this news release (unless another date is indicated). We do not undertake any obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

#### **Additional Information**

This news release does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval. This news release relates to a business combination transaction with Tenet proposed by CHS, which may become the subject of a registration statement filed with the SEC. CHS intends to file a proxy statement with the SEC in connection with Tenet's 2011 annual meeting of shareholders. Any definitive proxy statement will be mailed to shareholders of Tenet. This material is not a substitute for any prospectus, proxy statement or any other document which CHS may file with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ ANY SUCH DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY IN THEIR ENTIRETY IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. Such documents would be available free of charge through the web site maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or by directing a request to Community Health Systems, Inc. at 4000 Meridian Boulevard, Franklin, TN 37067, Attn: Investor Relations.

#### **Participant Information**

CHS and its directors, executive officers and nominees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with Tenet's 2011 annual meeting of shareholders. The directors of CHS are: Wayne T. Smith, W. Larry Cash, John A. Clerico, James S. Ely III, John A. Fry, William N. Jennings, M.D., Julia B. North and H. Mitchell Watson, Jr. The executive officers of CHS are: Wayne T. Smith, W. Larry Cash, David L. Miller, William S. Hussey, Michael T. Portacci, Martin D. Smith, Thomas D. Miller, Rachel A. Seifert, and T. Mark Buford. The nominees of CHS are: Thomas M. Boudreau, Duke K. Bristow, Ph.D., John E. Hornbeak, Curtis S. Lane, Douglas E. Linton, Peter H. Rothschild, John A. Sedor, Steven J. Shulman, Daniel S. Van Riper, David J. Wenstrup, James O. Egan, Jon Rotenstreich, Gary M. Stein and Larry D. Yost. CHS and its subsidiaries beneficially owned approximately 420,000 shares of Tenet common stock as of January 7, 2011. Additional information regarding CHS's directors and executive officers is available in its proxy statement for CHS's 2011 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 7, 2011. Other information regarding potential participants in such proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the proxy statement that CHS intends to file with the SEC in connection with Tenet's 2011 annual meeting of shareholders.

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