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Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Instruction 1(b) Ľ 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* (Check all applicable) COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC SMITH WAYNE T X Director 10% Owner CYH] Officer (give title Other (specify X below) below) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Chairman & CEO 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD 03/02/2020 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) 37067 FRANKLIN TN Form filed by One Reporting Person Х Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Transaction Code (Instr. Execution Date Securitie Indirect Beneficially Owned Following (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) Beneficial 8) Ownership Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 4) (A) or (D) Code v Amount Price Common Stock 03/01/2020 А 112.500(1) Α \$0.00 3,948,982 D Common Stock 03/01/2020 F 33.941 D \$4.93 3.915.041 D by 2009 WTS Irrevocable I Common Stock 206,842 Trust Dated 2/27/09 481.721 T WAC LLC Common Stock Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 1. Title of Derivative 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount 8. Price of 9. Number of 11. Nature 10 Conversion Date Execution Date Transaction Derivative Expiration Date of Securities Derivative derivative Ownership of Indirect Securitie Security or Exercise Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) Underlying Form Beneficial Code (Instr. Securities Securi (Month/Day/Year) Direct (D) (Instr. 3) 8) Acquired (A) or **Derivative Security** (Instr. 5) Beneficially Ownership Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Derivative (Instr. 3 and 4) Owned or Indirect (Instr. 4) Following Security (I) (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) Amount (Instr. 4) Date Exercisable Numbe Expiration v Title of Shares Code (A) (D) Date Performanc Common 225,000 03/01/2020 (2) (2) \$0.00 225.000 \$0.00 225.000 D Based Α Stock Restricted Stock Option 03/01/2021⁽³⁾ Commor 02/28/2031 \$4.93 03/01/2020 Α 112,500 112,500 \$0.00 112,500 D (Right to Stock Buv) Performance Common (4) (4) 75.000 Based \$0.00 03/01/2020 D 75.000 \$0.00 0 D Stock Restricted Performanc Commo (5) 105,000 \$0.00 (5) 105.000 D Based Stock Restricted Performanc Common (6) (6) 157,500 157,500 D \$0.00 Based Stock Restricted Stock Options Common \$34.38 02/23/2012 02/22/2021 50,000 50,000 D (Right to Stock Buy) Stock Option Commo 02/16/2013 02/15/2022 40,000 40 000 D \$17 49 (Right to Stock Buy) Stock Option \$4.99 03/01/2020 02/28/2030 78,750 78,750 D (Right to Stock

Explanation of Responses:

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1. The time-vesting restrictions on this award of restricted stock will lapse in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.

2. The vesting of these performance-based restricted shares is allocated to the attainment of the following pre-determined performance objectives between 1/1/2020 and 12/31/2022 (the "2020-2022 Performance Period"), as follows: 40% to a Cumulative Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA Growth target; 40% to a Cumulative Same-Store Net Revenue Growth Target; and 20% to a Total Shareholder Return ("TSR") Percentile Rank target. The target number (100%) of the total performance-based restricted shares is reported in the table set forth above. Between 0% and 200% of the portion of the target number of performance-based restricted shares allocated to each performance objective will ultimately vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, subject to the attainment of the applicable performance objective, with the vesting percentage to be determined based upon the level of achievement with respect to the applicable performance objective during the 2020-2022 Performance Period.

3. Vesting occurs in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.

4. The vesting of these performance-based restricted shares was subject to the Issuer's attainment of certain performance objectives between 1/1/2017 and 12/31/2019. These performance objectives were not attained so the restricted shares have been forfeited.

5. The vesting of these performance-based restricted shares is subject to the attainment of certain performance objectives between 1/1/2018 and 12/31/2020 (the "2018-2020 Performance Period"). The target number (100%) of the total performance-based restricted shares is reported in the table set forth above. Between 0% and 200% of the portion of the target number of performance-based restricted shares allocated to each applicable performance objective will ultimately vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, subject to the attainment of the applicable performance objective, with the vesting percentage to be determined based upon the level of achievement with respect to the applicable performance objective during the 2018-2020 Performance Period.

6. The vesting of these performance-based restricted shares is subject to the attainment of certain performance objectives between 1/1/2019 and 12/31/2021 (the "2019-2021 Performance Period"). The target number (100%) of the total performance-based restricted shares is reported in the table set forth above. Between 0% and 200% of the portion of the target number of performance-based restricted shares allocated to each applicable performance objective will ultimately vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, subject to the attainment of the applicable performance objective, with the vesting percentage to be determined based upon the level of achievement with respect to the applicable performance objective during the 2019-2021 Performance Period.

 Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in
 03/02/2020

 Fact for Wayne T. Smith
 ** 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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