FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Miller Thomas Daniel | | | | | <u>C</u> | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC CYH] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|------------------------|--|---|--|-----------------|--|--------------------|--|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) 4000 MEF | (Fir | st) OULEVARD | (Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2016 | | | | | | | - ^ | below) | Division | Presi | below) | | |
| (Street) FRANKL | IN TN | 1 | 37067 | | 4. 1 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| (City) | (Sta | ate) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | . S.m. med by mere area reporting religion | | | | | |
| | | Та | ble I - No | n-Deri | ivativ | ve S | ecuritie | s Acq | uired, | Dis | osed of, | or Bene | ficially | Owned | | | | | |
| , , | | | Date | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) o Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a | | | 5. Amount Securities Beneficiall Owned Fo | y F | Form: | Direct Indirect Etr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported | | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common S | Stock | | | 03/0 | 1/201 | 16 | | | M | | 35,000 | A | \$0.00 | 111,8 | 111,823 | | D | | |
| Common S | Stock | | | 03/0 | 1/201 | 16 | | | M | | 6,667 | A | \$0.00 | .00 118,490 D | | D | | | |
| Common S | Stock | | | 03/0 | 1/201 | 16 | | | F | | 6,383 | D | \$15.43 | \$15.43 112,107 D | | | D | | |
| | | | Table II - | | | | | • | | | sed of, or | | - | wned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day) | Pate, | 4. Transa Code (| ction | 5. Numb Derivati Securiti Acquire Dispose | Number of rivative curities quired (A) or sposed of (Instr. 3, 4 | | Expiration Date of So (Month/Day/Year) Und Deri | | 7. Title an of Securit Underlyin Derivative (Instr. 3 an | d Amount ies g Security | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported | re Own es Form ally Direc or In (I) (Ir | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | C | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercis | sable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | | | |
| Performance Based Restricted | \$0.00 | 03/01/2016 | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | | 35,000 | 03/01/ | 2016 | 02/28/2025 | Common Stock | 35,000 | \$0.00 | 0 | | D | | |
| Performance Based Restricted | \$0.00 | 03/01/2016 | | | M ⁽²⁾ | | | 6,667 | (2 |) | (2) | Common Stock | 6,667 | \$0.00 | 0 | | D | | |
| Performance Based Restricted | \$0.00 | 03/01/2016 | | | A | | 35,000 | | 03/01/2 | 017 ⁽³⁾ | 02/28/2026 | Common Stock | 35,000 | \$0.00 | 35,00 | 00 | D | | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$37.96 | | | | | | | | 02/23/ | 2012 | 02/22/2021 | Common Stock | 10,000 | | 10,00 | 00 | D | | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$21.07 | | | | | | | | 02/16/ | 2013 | 02/15/2022 | Common Stock | 8,000 | | 8,00 | 0 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The performance objectives governing these shares of Performance Based Restricted Stock have been met, and, accordingly, these shares will now be reported in Table 1 as directly owned shares of Restricted Stock. The time-vesting restrictions lapse in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.
- 2. Pursuant to the terms governing the award, the Company has achieved the cost savings ("synergies") from the Health Management Associates, Inc. ("HMA") merger transaction that were required to be achieved during the first two years following the HMA merger transaction, and, accordingly, the performance-based restrictions on the remaining portion of the award have lapsed as of the second anniversary of the date of grant. All such shares will now be reported on Table 1 as directly owned shares of Restricted Stock. There is also a time-vesting element. The time-vesting restrictions lapse in equal installments on the second and third anniversary of the date of grant.
- 3. Each performance based restricted share represents a contingent right to receive one share of CYH common stock. There are two elements to the lapsing of the performance-based restriction; first, the Company must achieve specified targeted amount of adjusted EBITDA or net revenue from continuing operations, and if the performance objective is met, the time-vesting restrictions will lapse in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant. If the performance objectives are not met, the shares will be forfeited.

Remarks:

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for Thomas D. Miller

03/02/2016

** 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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