
**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**

**November 16, 2006
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.)

7100 Commerce Way, Suite 100
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027
(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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The information contained in this Form 8-K (including the exhibits hereto) shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in any such filing.

ITEM 8.01 Other Events

On November 16, 2006, Community Health Systems, Inc. ("the Company") announced plans to explore syndicating a new incremental Term Loan of approximately \$300 million and to explore various amendments to its existing credit agreement. The Company offers no assurances that it will proceed with this proposed financing or as to its terms. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibits

The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

99.1 Community Health Systems, Inc. Press Release dated November 16, 2006.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: November 16, 2006

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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Description

Press Release dated November 16, 2006



Investor Contact: W. Larry Cash
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer
(615) 465-7000

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC. TO EXPLORE ADDITIONAL FINANCING

BRENTWOOD, TN (November 16, 2006) — Community Health Systems, Inc. (NYSE:CYH) (“CHS” or the “Company”), the leading operator of general acute care hospitals in non-urban communities throughout the country, has announced plans to explore syndicating a new Incremental Term Loan of approximately USD300m. The existing credit agreement of our subsidiary, CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc., allows for this Incremental Term Loan. CHS would use the proceeds to repay borrowings under its existing revolving credit facility and for general corporate purposes. Furthermore, CHS will explore various amendments to its existing credit agreement. The Company offers no assurances that it will proceed with this proposed financing or as to its terms.

About Community Health Systems, Inc.

Located in Brentwood, Tennessee, suburb of Nashville, Community Health Systems is a leading operator of general acute care hospitals in non-urban communities throughout the country. Through its subsidiaries, the Company currently owns, leases or operates 77 hospitals in 22 states. Its hospitals offer a broad range of inpatient and outpatient medical and surgical services. Shares in Community Health Systems, Inc. are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “CYH.”

Statements contained in this news release regarding the potential incremental term loans are forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties, including particularly the ability to consummate this transaction and its pricing and other terms. Actual future events or results may differ materially from these statements. Readers are referred to the documents filed by CHS with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its annual report on Form 10-K and current reports on Forms 8-K and 10-Q. These filings identify important risk factors and other uncertainties that could cause actual events or results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements. These and other applicable risks are summarized under the caption “risk factors” in the Company’s Securities and Exchange Commission filings. The Company undertakes no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, or to make any other forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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