### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup><br><u>Williams Hubert James</u> |               |                | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC</u> [<br><u>CYH</u> ] |                        | tionship of Reporting Per<br>all applicable)<br>Director<br>Officer (give title          | 10% Owner<br>Other (specify |
|--|---------------|----------------|--|------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| I I  |               | (Middle)       | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>03/01/2018                                       |                        | below)   | below)                      |
| (Street)<br>FRANKLIN<br>(City)   | TN<br>(State) | 37067<br>(Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X | vidual or Joint/Group Filin<br>Form filed by One Rep<br>Form filed by More tha<br>Person | porting Person              |
| (City)   | (State)       | (Zip)          |  | I                      |  |                             |

#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |   | 4. Securities A<br>Disposed Of ( |               |                              | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---|---|---|
|                                 |  |   | Code                        | v | Amount                           | (A) or<br>(D) | Price                        | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   | (1150.4)  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2018                                 |   | М                           |   | 6,166                            | Α             | <b>\$0.00</b> <sup>(1)</sup> | 10,661  | D   |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2018                                 |   | М                           |   | 4,495                            | Α             | <b>\$0.00</b> <sup>(1)</sup> | 15,156  | D   |   |

### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 5. Numb<br>Derivati<br>Securiti<br>Acquire<br>or Dispo<br>of (D) (II<br>4 and 5) | ve<br>es<br>d (A)<br>osed<br>nstr. 3, | 6. Date Exercis<br>Expiration Dat<br>(Month/Day/Ye | e                  | 7. Title and Amount<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------|---|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)  | (D)                                   | Date<br>Exercisable                                | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   | (Instr. 4)   |  |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | \$0.00  | 03/01/2018                                 |   | М                            |   |  | 4,495                                 | 03/01/2017   | 02/28/2026         | Common<br>Stock   | 4,495                                  | \$0.00  | 4,494  | D  |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | \$0.00  | 03/01/2018                                 |   | М                            |   |  | 6,166                                 | 03/01/2018   | 02/28/2027         | Common<br>Stock   | 6,166                                  | \$0.00  | 12,332   | D  |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | \$0.00  | 03/01/2018                                 |   | A                            |   | 37,118   |                                       | 03/01/2019 <sup>(2)</sup>                          | 02/28/2028         | Common<br>Stock   | 37,118                                 | \$4.58 <sup>(1)</sup>                               | 37,118   | D  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The security converts to common stock on a one-to-one basis.

2. The Restricted Stock Units vest in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary date of the date of grant. Upon vesting, the Reporting Person will be issued that number of shares of the Common Stock of the Company

Remarks:

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for Hubert James 03/02/2018 **Williams** Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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