

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>PORTACCI MICHAEL T</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD (Street) FRANKLIN TN 37067 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ Division President
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/27/2013	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/27/2013 ⁽¹⁾		M		20,167	A	\$0.00	133,803	D	
Common Stock	02/27/2013		F		2,821	D	\$41.71	130,982	D	
Common Stock	02/27/2013		M		30,000	A	\$32.37	160,982	D	
Common Stock	02/27/2013		S		78,440	D	\$41.3011 ⁽²⁾	82,542	D	

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Performance Based Restricted	\$0.00	02/27/2013		M		20,167		02/16/2013 ⁽¹⁾	02/15/2022	Common Stock	20,167	\$0.00	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$32.37	02/27/2013		M		30,000		02/28/2006	02/27/2013	Common Stock	30,000	\$0.00	0	D	
Performance Based Restricted	\$0.00	02/27/2013		A		25,000		02/27/2014 ⁽³⁾	02/26/2023	Common Stock	25,000	\$0.00	25,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$38.3							03/01/2007	02/29/2016	Common Stock	20,000		20,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$37.21							02/28/2008	02/27/2017	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$40.41							07/25/2008	07/24/2017	Common Stock	100,000		100,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$32.28							02/27/2009	02/26/2018	Common Stock	20,000		20,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$33.9							02/24/2011	02/23/2020	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$37.96							02/23/2012	02/22/2021	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$21.07							02/16/2013	02/15/2022	Common Stock	8,000		8,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Financial information necessary to determine if performance criteria had been satisfied was not publicly available on February 16, 2013, the first anniversary of the date of the award. At a meeting of the Compensation Committee ("Committee") held February 26, 2013, and confirmed by the Board of Directors ("Board") on February 27, 2013, the Committee and the Board determined that the performance conditions had been satisfied.

The shares will now be reported as owned shares in Table I, and restrictions on the remaining shares will lapse on the 2nd and 3rd anniversary of the original date of the award, all in accordance with the award agreement.

2. The shares were sold in a series of transactions at a weighted average price of \$41.3011 per share.

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 restriction; first, the Company must achieve specified targeted amount of earnings per share from continuing operations, or net revenue from continuing operations, and if the performance objective is met, the vesting restrictions will lapse in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant. If the objectives are not met, the shares will be forfeited.

Remarks:

[Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney
in Fact for Michael T. Portacci](#) [02/28/2013](#)

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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