

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>SMITH WAYNE T</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>7100 COMMERCE WAY</u> <u>SUITE 100</u> _____ (Street) <u>BRENTWOOD TN 37027</u> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <u>COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [</u> <u>CYH ]</u>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chairman, President &amp; CEO</b></p>
	<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)</b> <u>03/01/2006</u>	
<b>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>		

**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								596,221	D	
Common Stock								2,000	I	Spouse
Common Stock	03/01/2006		F		12,150	D	\$37.92	584,071	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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$13							06/08/2001	06/08/2010	Common Stock	0		500,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$20.3							05/22/2004	05/22/2013	Common Stock	0		750,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$32.37							02/28/2006	02/28/2013	Common Stock	0		100,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$38.3	03/01/2006		A		100,000		03/01/2007 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/01/2014	Common Stock	100,000	\$0.00	100,000	D	
Performance Based Restricted Shares	\$0.00	03/01/2006		A		100,000		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	100,000	\$0.00	100,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

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

2. 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, 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.

**Remarks:**

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in      03/03/2006  
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.

\* 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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