

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HAMMONS KEVIN J</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD</u> (Street) <u>FRANKLIN TN 37067</u> (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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Senior VP and CAO</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/01/2016</u> | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

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 | 03/01/2016 | | M | | 13,334 | A | \$0.00 | 57,463 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2016 | | F | | 9,090 | D | \$15.43 | 48,373 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2016 | | A | | 25,000 | A | \$0.00 | 73,373 | 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) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Performance Based Restricted | \$0.00 | 03/01/2016 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | | 13,334 | (1) | (1) | Common Stock | 13,334 | \$0.00 | 0 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$32.28 | | | | | | | 02/27/2009 | 02/26/2018 | Common Stock | 1,500 | | 1,500 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$33.9 | | | | | | | 02/24/2011 | 02/23/2020 | Common Stock | 1,000 | | 1,000 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$37.96 | | | | | | | 02/23/2012 | 02/22/2021 | Common Stock | 1,000 | | 1,000 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$21.07 | | | | | | | 02/16/2013 | 02/15/2022 | Common Stock | 4,000 | | 4,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. 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.

Remarks:

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for Kevin J. Hammons 03/02/2016

** 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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