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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SMITH WAYNE T</u>			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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/01/2024</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) <u>FRANKLIN TN 37067</u>			Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

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	03/01/2024		M		144,000 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0	5,227,075	D	
Common Stock								1,606,842	I	by The Modified 2009 WTS Irrev Trust Dated 12/16/22
Common Stock								481,721	I	WAC LLC

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				
Performance Based Restricted	\$0	03/01/2024		M		144,000	(1)	(1)		Common Stock	144,000	\$0	36,000	D	
Performance Based Restricted	\$0	03/01/2024		D		36,000	(1)	(1)		Common Stock	36,000	\$0	0	D	
Restricted Stock Units	\$0	03/01/2024		A		62,718	(2)	(2)		Common Stock	62,718	\$2.87	62,718	D	
Restricted Stock Units	\$0	03/01/2024		A		92,334	(3)	(3)		Common Stock	92,334	\$2.87	92,334	D	
Performance Based Restricted	\$0						(4)	(4)		Common Stock	180,000		180,000	D	
Restricted Stock Units	\$0						(2)	(2)		Common Stock	29,268		29,268	D	
Restricted Stock Units	\$0						(3)	(3)		Common Stock	43,089		43,089	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$4.99								03/01/2020	02/28/2029	Common Stock		78,750	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$4.93								03/01/2021	02/28/2030	Common Stock		112,500	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$8.81								03/01/2022	02/28/2031	Common Stock		90,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$10.18								03/01/2023 ⁽⁵⁾	02/29/2032	Common Stock		90,000	D	
Stock Units (SU)	\$0						(6)	(6)			Common Stock		35,609.301	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The vesting of these 180,000 performance-based restricted shares was based on the attainment of certain performance objectives between 1/1/2021 and 12/31/2023 (the "2021-2023 Performance Period"). Based on the

actual level of achievement of such performance objectives for the 2021-2023 Performance Period, the award vested on March 1, 2024 at 80% of the target number of the performance-based restricted shares originally reported by the Reporting Person on 3/2/2021 (144,000), and the remaining 20% of the target number has been forfeited (36,000).

2. The restricted stock units vest in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant. Based on the Reporting Person's prior deferral election pursuant to the terms of the award agreement, the Reporting Person will be issued that number of shares of common stock of the Company upon the Reporting Person's cessation as a director or upon a date specified by the Reporting Person.

3. The restricted stock units, which were granted as payment of the Reporting Person's additional annual stipend for serving as the Chair of the Board, vest in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant. Based on the Reporting Person's prior deferral election pursuant to the terms of the award agreement, the Reporting Person will be issued that number of shares of common stock of the Company upon the Reporting Person's cessation as a director or upon a date specified by the Reporting Person.

4. The vesting of these performance-based restricted shares is subject to the attainment of certain performance objectives between 1/1/2022 and 12/31/2024 (the "2022-2024 Performance Period"). The target number (100%) of the total performance-based restricted shares is reported in the table set forth above. Between 0% and 200% of the portion of the target number of performance-based restricted shares allocated to each applicable performance objective will ultimately vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, subject to the attainment of the applicable performance objective, with the vesting percentage to be determined based upon the level of achievement with respect to the applicable performance objective during the 2022-2024 Performance Period.

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

6. The Stock Units were accrued under the Company's Directors' Fees Deferral Plan in lieu of a portion of the Reporting Person's Director Fees and are settled 100% in the Company's common stock on the last business day of the calendar quarter following cessation as a director or upon a date specified by the Reporting Person.

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in
Fact for Wayne T. Smith 03/01/2024

** 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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