

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 8, 2012 (March 7, 2012)**

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**COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-15925**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**13-3893191**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**4000 Meridian Boulevard**  
**Franklin, Tennessee 37067**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

**(615) 465-7000**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

The information under Item 8.01 below is incorporated by reference into Item 7.01.

**Item 8.01 Other Information**

On March 7, 2012, Community Health Systems, Inc. (the “Company”) announced the offering of \$750 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes, to be issued by its wholly-owned subsidiary, CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc. (the “Issuer”). A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and incorporated by reference herein.

In addition, after a one-day marketing period, on March 7, 2012, the Issuer priced the above described offering, which was increased by \$250 million to \$1 billion aggregate principal amount of senior notes, issued at an 8% per annum coupon and with a maturity date of November 15, 2019. The notes will be issued at an issue price of 102.500%, plus accrued interest from November 22, 2011. The Company expects the offering to close on March 21, 2012, subject to customary closing conditions. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2, and incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
99.1	Community Health Systems, Inc. press release dated March 7, 2012.
99.2	Community Health Systems, Inc. press release dated March 8, 2012.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: March 8, 2012

By: /s/ Wayne T. Smith  
Wayne T. Smith  
Chairman of the Board,  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

By: /s/ W. Larry Cash  
W. Larry Cash  
Executive Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer and Director  
(principal financial officer)

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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## **Community Health Systems, Inc. Subsidiary to Offer Senior Notes**

FRANKLIN, Tenn.—(BUSINESS WIRE)—March 7, 2012— Community Health Systems, Inc. (the “Company”) (NYSE: CYH), announced today that its wholly-owned subsidiary, CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc. (the “Issuer”), intends to offer \$750 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes (the “New Notes”). The New Notes will be senior obligations of the Issuer and will be guaranteed on a senior basis by the Company and by certain of the Issuer’s and the Company’s domestic subsidiaries.

The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the offering to finance the purchase of up to \$700 million of the Issuer’s approximately \$1,784 million outstanding aggregate principal amount of 8 7/8% Senior Notes due 2015, to pay related fees and expenses and for general corporate purposes.

The New Notes will be offered in the United States to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and outside the United States pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act. The New Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements.

This press release is neither an offer to sell nor the solicitation of an offer to buy the New Notes or any other securities and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale in any jurisdiction in which, or to any person to whom, such an offer, solicitation or sale is unlawful. Any offers of the New Notes will be made only by means of a private offering memorandum.

### **About Community Health Systems, Inc.**

Located in the Nashville, Tennessee, suburb of Franklin, Community Health Systems, Inc. is one of the largest publicly-traded hospital companies in the United States and a leading operator of general acute care hospitals in non-urban and mid-size markets throughout the country. Through its subsidiaries, the Company currently owns, leases or operates 134 hospitals in 29 states with an aggregate of approximately 20,000 licensed beds. Its hospitals offer a broad range of inpatient and surgical services, outpatient treatment and skilled nursing care. In addition, through its subsidiary, Quorum Health Resources, LLC, the Company provides management and consulting services to non-affiliated general acute care hospitals located throughout the United States. Shares in Community Health Systems, Inc. are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “CYH.”

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Statements contained in this press release regarding the proposed transactions and other events are forward-looking statements that involve risk and uncertainties. Actual future events or results may differ materially from these statements. Readers are referred to the documents filed by Community Health Systems, Inc. with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Company’s annual report on Form 10-K, current reports on Form 8-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. These filings identify important risk factors and other uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, or to make any other forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Source: Community Health Systems, Inc.

Community Health Systems, Inc.  
W. Larry Cash, 615-465-7000  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer



### **Community Health Systems, Inc. Announces Pricing of Upsized Senior Notes Offering**

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The sale of the New Notes is expected to be consummated on or about March 21, 2012, subject to customary closing conditions. The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the offering to finance the purchase of up to \$850 million of the Issuer’s approximately \$1,784 million outstanding aggregate principal amount of 8<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% Senior Notes due 2015, to pay related fees and expenses and for general corporate purposes.

The New Notes will be offered in the United States to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and outside the United States pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act. The New Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements.

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