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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

July 16, 2002

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-15925
(Commission File Number)

13-3893191
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

155 Franklin Road, Suite 400
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027
(Address of principal executive offices)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (615) 373-9600

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On July 16, 2002, Community Health Systems, Inc. announced the completion of a \$1.2 billion senior secured credit facility.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release of Community Health Systems, Inc. dated July 16, 2002

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: July 16, 2002

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.
(Registrant)

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 and Chief Financial Officer
(principal financial officer)

By: /s/ T. MARK BUFORD

T. Mark Buford
Vice President and Corporate Controller

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Exhibit Number	Description
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Investor Contact: W. Larry Cash
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer
(615) 373-9600

**COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS COMPLETES
\$1.2 BILLION SENIOR SECURED CREDIT FACILITY**

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (July 16, 2002)—Community Health Systems, Inc. (NYSE: CYH) today announced the completion of a \$1.2 billion senior secured credit facility. This facility consists of an \$850 million term loan that matures in 2010 and a six-year \$350 million revolving credit facility. This new credit facility will extend the Company's debt maturities by approximately five years. Additionally, the credit facility has a feature that allows the Company to add up to \$200 million of future funded term loans. The proceeds will be used to refinance the Company's existing credit facilities and fund current acquisitions. In connection with this financing and the repayment of the existing credit agreement, the Company will recognize an estimated \$5.3 million after tax extraordinary loss on the early extinguishment of debt in the third quarter of 2002.

Agent bankers for this transaction include JP Morgan Chase Bank as Administrative Agent, Bank of America, N.A. as Syndication Agent and Wachovia First Union as Documentation Agent. JP Morgan Securities, Inc. and Banc of America Securities LLC served as joint arrangers and co-managers for the credit facility.

Located in the Nashville, Tennessee suburb, Brentwood, Community Health Systems is a leading operator of general acute care hospitals in non-urban communities throughout the country. Through its subsidiaries, the company currently owns, leases or operates 60 hospitals in 21 states. Its hospitals offer a broad range of inpatient medical and surgical services, outpatient treatment and skilled nursing care. Shares in Community Health Systems, Inc. are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "**CYH**."

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