

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BUFORD T MARK</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>Blue President and Controller</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/25/2009</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	02/25/2009	02/25/2009	A		30,000	A	\$0.00	96,729	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					
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$20.3							05/22/2004	05/22/2013	Common Stock	13,334	13,334	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$32.37							02/28/2006	02/28/2013	Common Stock	20,000	20,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$38.3							03/01/2007	03/01/2014	Common Stock	15,000	15,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$37.21							02/28/2008	02/28/2015	Common Stock	7,500	7,500	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$32.28							02/27/2009	02/26/2018	Common Stock	7,500	7,500	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$40.41							07/25/2008	07/25/2015	Common Stock	15,000	15,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$18.18	02/25/2009	02/25/2009	A		5,000		02/25/2010 ⁽¹⁾	02/25/2019	Common Stock	5,000	\$0.00	5,000	D

Explanation of Responses:

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

Remarks:

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact for T. Mark Buford 02/27/2009

** 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

