FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940		hours per response:	0.5
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC</u> [<u>CYH</u>]	5. Relationship of Re (Check all applicable Director	10% 0	suer Dwner

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(Last) 4000 MERIDIA	()	()		of Earliest Transa	ction (Month/D	ay/Year)	X	all applicable) Director Officer (give title below) Division dual or Joint/Group Form filed by Mon Person wned	Other below n President	(specify)
(Street) FRANKLIN (City)	TN (State)	37067 (Zip)	4. If Am	endment, Date of	Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	ridual or Joint/Group Form filed by One Form filed by Mor Person	e Reporting Pers	on
		Table I - Non-I	Derivative S	ecurities Acq	uired, Disp	oosed of, or Benefi	cially (Dwned		
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150. 4)
Common Stock	07/25/2009	07/25/2009	М		15,000	Α	\$0.00	190,170	D	
Common Stock	07/25/2009	07/25/2009	F		5,468	D	\$28.7	184,702	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. Transa Code (8)		of Deri Sec Acq (A) (Disp of (E	umber vative urities uired or oosed o) (Instr. and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		Securities Derivative derlying Security rivative 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 Stock	\$0.00	07/25/2009	07/25/2009	М			15,000	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	15,000	\$0.00	0	D	
Performance Based Restricted	\$0.00							(2)	(2)	Common Stock	50,000		50,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$32.28							02/27/2009	02/26/2018	Common Stock	22,000		22,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$40.41							07/25/2008	07/25/2015	Common Stock	100,000		100,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$18.18							02/25/2010	02/25/2019	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$20.3							05/22/2004	05/22/2013	Common Stock	200,000		200,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$32.37							02/28/2006	02/28/2013	Common Stock	30,000		30,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$38.3							03/01/2007	03/01/2014	Common Stock	20,000		20,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$37.21							02/28/2008	02/28/2015	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The performance objectives governing these shares of Performance Based Restricted Stock have been met, and, accordingly, these shares will now be reported in Table 1 as directly owned shares of Restricted Stock. The restrictions lapse in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.

2. Each performance based restricted share represents a contingent right to receive one share of CYH common stock. There are two elements to the lapsing of the restriction; first, the Company must achieve specified targeted amount of earnings per share from continuing operations, or net revenue from continuing operations, and if the performance objective is met, the vesting restrictions will lapse in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant. If the objectives are not met, the shares will be forfeited.

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact for David Lewis Miller

07/28/2009

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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