

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>WATSON H MITCHELL JR</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 [</u> <u>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)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/27/2013</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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	02/27/2013		M		10,000	A	\$25.13	30,238	D	
Common Stock	02/27/2013		S		13,000	D	\$41.7498 ⁽¹⁾	17,238	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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$25.13	02/27/2013		M			10,000	05/25/2005	05/24/2014	Common Stock	10,000	\$0.00	0	D	
Restricted Stock Units	\$0.00	02/27/2013		A		3,596		02/27/2014 ⁽²⁾	02/26/2023	Common Stock	3,596	\$41.71 ⁽³⁾	3,596	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$27.71							01/03/2006	01/02/2015	Common Stock	5,000		5,000	D	
Restricted Stock Units	\$0.00							02/23/2012	02/22/2021	Common Stock	1,230		1,230	D	
Restricted Stock Units	\$0.00							02/16/2013	02/15/2022	Common Stock	4,430		4,430	D	
Stock Units (SU)	\$0.00							(4)	(4)	Common Stock	10,006.5795		10,006.5795	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The shares were sold in a series of transactions at a weighted average price of \$41.7498 per share.
- The Restricted Stock Units vest in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary date of the date of grant. Upon vesting, the Reporting Person will be issued that number of shares of the Common Stock of the Company.
- The security converts to common stock on a one-to-one basis.
- The Stock Units were accrued under the Company's Directors' Fees Deferral Plan and are settled 100% in the Company's common stock upon cessation as a director or upon a date specified by the director.

Remarks:

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in
Fact for H. Mitchell Watson, Jr. 02/28/2013

** 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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