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**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): January 7, 2014 (January 7, 2014)**

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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)

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

**N/A**  
(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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 8.01. Other Events.**

On January 7, 2014, the Company announced that it is launching a credit facility financing in connection with the previously announced acquisition of Health Management Associates Inc. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits .**

(d) Exhibits.

The following items are included as Exhibits to this report and incorporated herein by reference:

<b><u>EXHIBIT NO.</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBIT</u></b>
99.1	Press release dated January 7, 2014

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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.**

Date: January 7, 2014

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**

**EXHIBIT  
NO.**

**DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBIT**

99.1

Press release dated January 7, 2014



**COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC. LAUNCHES CREDIT FACILITY  
FINANCING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF HMA**

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (January 7, 2014) – Community Health Systems, Inc. (the “Company”) (NYSE:CYH) today announced that it and its wholly-owned subsidiary CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc. are launching a credit facility financing in connection with the previously announced acquisition of Health Management Associates Inc. (“HMA”) (NYSE:HMA). The new credit facility financing includes a new Revolving Credit Facility of \$1.0 billion which will replace the Company’s existing revolving credit facility and mature in 2019, a new Term Loan A Facility of \$1.0 billion which will replace the Company’s existing Term Loan A Facility and mature in 2019, an extension of the maturity of certain existing extended term loans maturing in 2017 to 2021 and a new \$2.26 billion Term Loan D Facility that will mature in 2021. Proceeds from a portion of the new Term Loan A Facility and the Term Loan D Facility are expected to be applied to finance the acquisition of HMA and refinance existing indebtedness.

In addition, the Company is seeking the consent of lenders to amend its existing senior secured credit agreement to add flexibility commensurate with the post-acquisition structure of the Company. The committed financing for the acquisition of HMA previously announced is not conditioned on obtaining the amendment.

**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 135 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 credit agreement amendments, their impact on the Company 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.

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                                  and Chief Financial Officer  
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