

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CLERICO JOHN A</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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/24/2010</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  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	02/25/2010		M		2,383	A	\$0.00 <sup>(1)</sup>	42,383	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				
Phantom Stock	\$0.00	02/25/2010		M		2,383		02/25/2010 <sup>(2)</sup>	(2)	Common Stock	2,383	\$0.00	4,768	D	
Restricted Stock Units	\$0.00	02/24/2010		A		4,130		02/24/2011 <sup>(3)</sup>	(3)	Common Stock	4,130	\$0.00	4,130	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$18.03							02/25/2004	02/25/2013	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$26.95							01/02/2005	01/02/2014	Common Stock	5,000		5,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$27.71							01/03/2006	01/03/2015	Common Stock	5,000		5,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The first vesting period for the Phantom Stock Award (reported in Table II) is met. Accordingly, 1/3 of the total number of the Award (2,383) is issued to the Reporting Person as 2,383 shares of the Common Stock of the Company.
- The Phantom Stock Award vests in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant (2/25/09). Upon vesting, the Reporting Person will be issued that number of shares of Common stock of the Company.
- The Restricted Stock Units vest in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant (2/24/2010). Upon vesting, the Reporting Person will be issued that number of shares of the Common Stock of the Company.

**Remarks:**

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact for John Clerico 02/26/2010

\*\* 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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