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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CASH W LARRY</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>7100 COMMERCE WAY</u> <u>SUITE 100</u> (Street) <u>BRENTWOOD TN 37027</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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Executive VP and CFO</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/01/2006</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 | | | | | | | | 130,006 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2006 | | F | | 7,634 | D | \$37.92 | 122,372 | 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) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$13 | | | | | | | 06/08/2001 | 06/08/2010 | Common Stock | 0 | 170,000 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$20.3 | | | | | | | 05/22/2004 | 05/22/2013 | Common Stock | 0 | 500,000 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$32.37 | | | | | | | 02/28/2006 | 02/28/2013 | Common Stock | 0 | 65,000 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$38.3 | 03/01/2006 | | A | | 50,000 | | 03/01/2007 ⁽¹⁾ | 03/01/2014 | Common Stock | 50,000 | \$0.00 | 50,000 | D |
| Performance Based Restricted Shares | \$0.00 | 03/01/2006 | | A | | 65,000 | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 65,000 | \$0.00 | 65,000 | D |

Explanation of Responses:

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

Remarks:

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in 03/03/2006
Fact for W. Larry Cash

** 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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