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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SMITH WAYNE T</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD  (Street) FRANKLIN TN 37067  (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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Executive Chairman
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2022	
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	03/01/2022		M		315,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$0.00	3,130,041	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2022		A		90,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$0.00	3,220,041	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2022		F		160,845	D	\$10.18	3,059,196	D	
Common Stock								1,606,842	I	by 2009 WTS Irrevocable Trust Dated 2/27/09
Common Stock								481,721	I	WAC LLC

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
Performance Based Restricted	\$0.00	03/01/2022		M			157,500	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	157,500	\$0.00	0	D	
Performance Based Restricted	\$0.00	03/01/2022		A		180,000		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	180,000	\$0.00	180,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$10.18	03/01/2022		A		90,000		03/01/2023 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/29/2032	Common Stock	90,000	\$0.00	90,000	D	
Performance Based Restricted	\$0.00							(5)	(5)	Common Stock	225,000		225,000	D	
Performance Based Restricted	\$0.00							(6)	(6)	Common Stock	180,000		180,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$4.99							03/01/2020	02/28/2029	Common Stock	78,750		78,750	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$4.93							03/01/2021 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/28/2030	Common Stock	112,500		112,500	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$8.81							03/01/2022 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/28/2031	Common Stock	90,000		90,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The vesting of these performance-based restricted shares was based on the attainment of certain performance objectives between 1/1/2019 and 12/31/2021 (the "2019-2021 Performance Period"). Based on the actual level of achievement of such performance objectives for the 2019-2021 Performance Period, the award vested on March 1, 2022 at 200% of the target number of the performance-based restricted shares originally reported by the reporting person on 3/4/2019.
- The time-vesting restrictions on this award of restricted stock will lapse in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.
- The vesting of these performance-based restricted shares is allocated to the attainment of the following pre-determined performance objectives between 1/1/2022 and 12/31/2024 (the "2022-2024 Performance Period"), as follows: 40% to a Cumulative Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA Growth target; 40% to a Cumulative Same-Store Net Revenue Growth target; and 20% to a Total Shareholder Return ("TSR") Percentile Rank target. The target number (100%) of the total performance-based restricted shares is reported in the table set forth above. Between 0% and 200% of the portion of the target number of performance-based restricted shares allocated to each performance objective will ultimately vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, subject to the attainment of the applicable performance objective, with the vesting percentage to be determined based upon the level of achievement with respect to the applicable performance objective during the 2022-2024 Performance Period.
- Vesting occurs in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.

5. The vesting of these performance-based restricted shares is subject to the attainment of certain performance objectives between 1/1/2020 and 12/31/2022 (the "2020-2022 Performance Period"). The target number (100%) of the total performance-based restricted shares is reported in the table set forth above. Between 0% and 200% of the portion of the target number of performance-based restricted shares allocated to each applicable performance objective will ultimately vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, subject to the attainment of the applicable performance objective, with the vesting percentage to be determined based upon the level of achievement with respect to the applicable performance objective during the 2020-2022 Performance Period.

6. The vesting of these performance-based restricted shares is subject to the attainment of certain performance objectives between 1/1/2021 and 12/31/2023 (the "2021-2023 Performance Period"). The target number (100%) of the total performance-based restricted shares is reported in the table set forth above. Between 0% and 200% of the portion of the target number of performance-based restricted shares allocated to each applicable performance objective will ultimately vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, subject to the attainment of the applicable performance objective, with the vesting percentage to be determined based upon the level of achievement with respect to the applicable performance objective during the 2021-2023 Performance Period.

**Remarks:**

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in  
Fact for Wayne T. Smith 03/02/2022

\*\* 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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