

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</p> <p><u>PORTACCI MICHAEL T</u></p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p><u>4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD</u></p> <p>(Street)</p> <p><u>FRANKLIN TN 37067</u></p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p><u>COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [ CYH ]</u></p> <p>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)</p> <p><u>02/27/2014</u></p> <p>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</p> <p>Director _____ 10% Owner _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <u>Division President</u> Other (specify below) _____</p> <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person _____</p>
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**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	02/27/2014		M		25,000	A	\$0.00	46,332	D	
Common Stock	02/27/2014		F		3,409	D	\$42.25	42,923	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
Performance Based Restricted	\$0.00	02/27/2014		M <sup>(1)</sup>			25,000	02/27/2014	02/26/2023	Common Stock	25,000	\$0.00	0	D	
Performance Based Restricted	\$0.00	03/01/2014		A		25,000		03/01/2015 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/29/2024	Common Stock	25,000	\$0.00	25,000	D	
Performance Based Restricted	\$0.00	03/01/2014		A		10,000		03/01/2015 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/29/2024	Common Stock	10,000	\$0.00	10,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$37.21							02/28/2008	02/27/2015	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$40.41							07/25/2008	07/24/2015	Common Stock	100,000		100,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$32.28							02/27/2009	02/26/2018	Common Stock	20,000		20,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$33.9							02/24/2011	02/23/2020	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$37.96							02/23/2012	02/22/2021	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$21.07							02/16/2013	02/15/2022	Common Stock	8,000		8,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The performance objectives governing these shares of Performance Based Restricted Stock have been met, and, accordingly, these shares will now be reported in Table 1 as directly owned shares of Restricted Stock. The restrictions lapse 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, or net revenue 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. If the objectives are not met, the shares will be forfeited.
- Each performance based restricted share represents a contingent right to receive one share of CYH common stock. The lapsing of the restrictions is dependent on the Company meeting certain cost savings ("synergies") from the Health Management Associates, Inc. merger transaction. The performance target may be met in part in the first year or in whole or in part over the first two years. There is also a time vesting element to the maximum targets of the award. If the objectives are not met, the shares will be forfeited.

**Remarks:**

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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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