

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Ely James S. III</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 4000 MERIDIAN BLVD (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 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2019 | |
| | 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 | 03/01/2019 | | M | | 4,494 | A | \$0.00 ⁽¹⁾ | 67,781 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2019 | | M | | 6,166 | A | \$0.00 ⁽¹⁾ | 73,947 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2019 | | M | | 12,373 | A | \$0.00 ⁽¹⁾ | 86,320 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 4,990 | I | By E5 Investors 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 | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$0.00 | 03/01/2019 | | M | | | 4,494 | 03/01/2017 | 02/28/2026 | Common Stock | 4,494 | \$0.00 | 0 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$0.00 | 03/01/2019 | | M | | | 6,166 | 03/01/2018 | 02/28/2027 | Common Stock | 6,166 | \$0.00 | 6,166 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$0.00 | 03/01/2019 | | M | | | 12,373 | 03/01/2019 | 02/28/2028 | Common Stock | 12,373 | \$0.00 | 24,745 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$0.00 | 03/01/2019 | | A | | | 34,068 | 03/01/2020 ⁽²⁾ | 02/28/2029 | Common Stock | 34,068 | \$4.99 ⁽¹⁾ | 34,068 | D | |
| Stock Units (SU) | \$0.00 | | | | | | | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 15,967.943 | | 15,967.943 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- The security converts to common stock on a one-to-one basis.
- The Restricted Stock Units vest in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary date of the date of grant. Upon vesting, the Reporting Person will be issued that number of shares of the Common Stock of the Company.
- The Stock Units were accrued under the Company's Directors' Fees Deferral Plan in lieu of a portion of the Reporting Person's Director Fees and are settled 100% in the Company's common stock on the last business day of the calendar quarter following cessation as a director or upon a date specified by the Reporting Person.

Remarks:

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in 03/04/2019
Fact for James S. Ely

** 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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