FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Simon Lynn T | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH] | | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
|---|---------|---|----------------------------------|--|---|-------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|---|---|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| | | | | | . [C1 | пј | | | | | | | _ | X Officer below) | (give title | | Other (s below) | specify |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2019 | | | | | | | | President and CMO | | | | | |
| (Street) FRANKLIN TN 37067 | | | 4. If | Ame | endment, D | ate of | f Original | Filed | (Month/Day/ | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | | | |
| (City) | (Sta | ute) (2 | Zip) | | - | | | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | ting | |
| | | Tab | le I - Noi | n-Deri | vative | Se | curities | Ac | quired, | Dis | posed of | , or Ber | eficial | ly Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | r, Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. | | ies Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5) Securitie Beneficia | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | | n: Direct r Indirect istr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transact (Instr. 3 | ion(s) | | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common S | Stock | | | 03/0 | 1/2019 | • | | | A | | 26,250 ⁽¹ | 1) A | \$0.0 | 00 185 | ,667 | | D | |
| Common S | Stock | | | 03/0 | 1/2019 | 9 | | | F | | 11,806 | D | \$4.9 | 99 173 | 3,861 | | D | |
| | | 7 | Гable II - | Deriva (e.g., | ative S puts, | Sec call | urities <i>l</i> ls, warra | Acqu ants | uired, C , optior | Dispo | osed of, convertib | or Bene le secu | ficially rities) | Owned | | | | |
| Derivative Conversion Date Execution Security Or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | 3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da | Date, Transaction Code (Instr | | | on of E | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amou of Securities Underlying Derivative Securit (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Derivative Security | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisal | ble | Expiration Date | Title | Amoun or Numbe of Shares | | | | | |
| Performance Based Restricted | \$0.00 | 03/01/2019 | | | A | | 52,500 | | (2) | | (2) | Common Stock | 52,50 | 0 \$0.00 | 52,500 | | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$4.99 | 03/01/2019 | | | A | | 26,250 | | 03/01/202 | 20 ⁽³⁾ | 02/28/2029 | Common Stock | 26,25 | \$0.00 | 26,25 | 50 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$28.17 | | | | | | | | 12/08/20 | 011 | 12/07/2020 | Common Stock | 5,000 | | 5,00 | 0 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$34.38 | | | | | | | | 02/23/20 | 012 | 02/22/2021 | Common Stock | 5,000 | | 5,00 | 0 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$17.49 | | | | | | | | 02/16/20 |)13 | 02/15/2022 | Common Stock | 4,000 | | 4,00 | 0 | D | |
| Performance Based Restricted | \$0.00 | | | | | | | | (4) | | (4) | Common Stock | 20,00 | 0 | 20,00 | 00 | D | |
| Performance Based | \$0.00 | | | I | I | | | | (5) | | (5) | Common | 35.00 | _ | 35.00 | 10 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. 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.
- 2. The vesting of these performance-based restricted shares is allocated to the attainment of the following pre-determined performance objectives between 1/1/2019 and 12/31/2021 (the "2019-2021 Performance Period"), as follows: 50% to a Cumulative Same-Store Adjusted EBITDA Growth target; and 50% to a Cumulative Same-Store Net Revenue Growth 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 2019-2021 Performance Period.
- 3. Vesting occurs in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.
- 4. The vesting of these performance-based restricted shares is subject to the attainment of certain performance objectives between 1/1/2017 and 12/31/2019 (the "2017-2019 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 2017-2019 Performance Period.
- 5. The vesting of these performance-based restricted shares is subject to the attainment of certain performance objectives between 1/1/2018 and 12/31/2020 (the "2018-2020 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 2018-2020 Performance Period.

Remarks:

<u>Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney</u> <u>in Fact for Lynn T Simon</u>

03/04/2019

** 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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