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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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 <b>COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC</b> [ CYH ]	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) 03/01/2017	
		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	03/01/2017		M		1,474	A	\$0.00 <sup>(1)</sup>	45,272	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2017		M		1,430	A	\$0.00 <sup>(1)</sup>	46,702	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2017		M		4,495	A	\$0.00 <sup>(1)</sup>	51,197	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	03/01/2017		M		1,474		03/01/2015	02/29/2024	Common Stock	1,474	\$0.00	0	D	
Restricted Stock Units	\$0.00	03/01/2017		M		1,430		03/01/2016	02/28/2025	Common Stock	1,430	\$0.00	1,429	D	
Restricted Stock Units	\$0.00	03/01/2017		M		4,495		03/01/2017	02/28/2026	Common Stock	4,495	\$0.00	8,989	D	
Restricted Stock Units	\$0.00	03/01/2017		A		18,498		03/01/2018 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/28/2027	Common Stock	18,498	\$9.19 <sup>(1)</sup>	18,498	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 upon cessation as a director or upon a date specified by the director.

**Remarks:**

NOTE: The number of restricted stock units and stock units accrued under the Company's Directors' Fees Deferral Plan for each award listed on Table II granted prior to April 29, 2016, was adjusted pursuant to the Employee Matters Agreement between the Issuer and Quorum Health Corporation ("QHC"), dated as of April 29, 2016, to preserve the aggregate intrinsic value of the original award as a result of the spin-off from the Issuer of QHC, effective April 29, 2016.

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney 03/02/2017  
in 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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