

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><b>SMITH WAYNE T</b><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><b>4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD</b><br><br>(Street)<br><b>FRANKLIN TN 37067</b><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [ CYH ]</b> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><b>Chairman &amp; CEO</b> |
|   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><b>12/11/2014</b>                      |  |
|   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                   |  |
|   |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> 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                    | 12/11/2014                           |  | M                              |   | 500,000   | A          | \$40.41                  | 1,284,179   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/11/2014                           |  | S                              |   | 237,000   | D          | \$51.3744 <sup>(1)</sup> | 1,047,179   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/12/2014                           |  | S                              |   | 200,000   | D          | \$51.47 <sup>(2)</sup>   | 847,179   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |                          | 169,388   | I  | by 2009 WTS Irrevocable Trust Dated 2/27/09           |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |                          | 481,721   | I  | WAC LLC   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |                          | 69,830  | I  | 2012 GRAT   |

**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) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D)     | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |   |  |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$40.41  | 12/11/2014                           |  | M                              |   |  | 500,000 | 07/25/2008   | 07/24/2015      | Common Stock  | 500,000                    | \$0.00                                     | 0  | D   |  |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$32.28  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |         | 02/27/2009   | 02/26/2018      | Common Stock  | 200,000                    |  | 200,000  | D   |  |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$18.18  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |         | 02/25/2010   | 02/24/2019      | Common Stock  | 50,000                     |  | 50,000   | D   |  |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$33.9   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |         | 02/24/2011   | 02/23/2020      | Common Stock  | 50,000                     |  | 50,000   | D   |  |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$37.96  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |         | 02/23/2012   | 02/22/2021      | Common Stock  | 50,000                     |  | 50,000   | D   |  |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$21.07  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |         | 02/16/2013   | 02/15/2022      | Common Stock  | 40,000                     |  | 40,000   | D   |  |
| Performance Based Restricted               | \$0.00   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |         | 03/01/2015 <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 02/29/2024      | Common Stock  | 150,000                    |  | 150,000  | D   |  |

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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |   |  |
| Performance Based Restricted               | \$0.00   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 03/01/2015 <sup>(4)</sup>                                | 02/29/2024      | Common Stock  | 300,000                    |  | 300,000  | D   |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The shares were sold in a series of transactions at a weighted average price of \$51.3744 per share.
- The shares were sold in a series of transactions at a weighted average price of \$51.4700 per share.
- 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:**

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney      12/15/2014  
in Fact for Wayne T. Smith

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person      Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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