

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CASH W LARRY</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>155 FRANKLIN ROAD</u> <u>SUITE 400</u> (Street) <u>BRENTWOOD TN 37027</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [</u> <u>CYH]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Executive Officer and Director</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/02/2005</u>	
	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	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	M		160,000	A	\$13	290,006	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		2,300	D	\$36.33	287,706	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		2,700	D	\$36.34	285,006	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		600	D	\$36.35	284,406	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		2,700	D	\$36.36	281,706	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		8,400	D	\$36.37	273,306	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		1,100	D	\$36.38	272,206	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		1,100	D	\$36.39	271,106	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		63,900	D	\$36.4	207,206	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		5,900	D	\$36.41	201,306	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		2,100	D	\$36.42	199,206	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		1,600	D	\$36.43	197,606	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		2,600	D	\$36.44	195,006	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		2,800	D	\$36.45	192,206	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		4,500	D	\$36.46	187,706	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		400	D	\$36.47	187,306	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		4,100	D	\$36.48	183,206	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		500	D	\$36.49	182,706	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		500	D	\$36.5	182,206	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		3,800	D	\$36.51	178,406	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		2,300	D	\$36.52	176,106	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		8,000	D	\$36.53	168,106	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		4,100	D	\$36.54	164,006	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		6,600	D	\$36.55	157,406	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		2,800	D	\$36.56	154,606	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		1,500	D	\$36.57	153,106	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		2,300	D	\$36.59	150,806	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		1,400	D	\$36.6	149,406	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		1,500	D	\$36.61	147,906	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	S		2,600	D	\$36.62	145,306	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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$13	05/02/2005	05/02/2005	M			160,000	06/08/2001	06/08/2010	Common Stock	160,000	\$0	350,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$20.3							05/22/2004	05/22/2013	Common Stock	500,000		500,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$32.37							02/28/2006	02/28/2015	Common Stock	65,000		65,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact 05/03/2005

** 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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