

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>SMITH WAYNE T</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [ CYH ]</b>			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) <b>Chairman, President &amp; CEO</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>12/28/2012</b>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) <b>FRANKLIN TN 37067</b>								
(City) (State) (Zip)								

**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	12/28/2012		A <sup>(1)</sup>		1,670	A	(1)	622,649	D	
Common Stock	12/28/2012		J		116,268	D	\$0.00	191,115	I	by 2011 GRAT No. 2
Common Stock	12/28/2012		J		116,268 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$0.00	738,917	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2012		J		116,268	D	\$0.00	622,649	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2012		J		116,268 <sup>(3)</sup>	A	\$0.00	116,268	I	by 2012 GRAT
Common Stock								51,059	I	by 2009 WTS Irrevocable Trust Dated 2/27/09
Common Stock								481,721	I	WAC 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				
Performance Based Restricted	\$0.00	12/28/2012		A <sup>(4)</sup>		835		02/16/2013 <sup>(5)</sup>	02/15/2022	Common Stock	835	(4)	100,835	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$32.37							02/28/2006	02/28/2013	Common Stock	100,000		100,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$38.3							03/01/2007	03/01/2014	Common Stock	100,000		100,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$37.21							02/28/2008	02/28/2015	Common Stock	100,000		100,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$40.41							07/25/2008	07/24/2017	Common Stock	500,000		500,000	D	

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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
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	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The reporting person received these shares of additional Restricted Stock as a payment-in-kind dividend on shares of Restricted Stock owned on the dividend record date in accordance with the terms of the Restricted Stock Award Agreement (the "Agreement") resulting from the payment on December 28, 2012 of a cash dividend of \$0.25 per share of common stock based on the closing price of the issuer's common stock on such dividend payment date, which was \$29.94. Such additional Restricted Stock issued on account of the dividend will vest in installments identical to the vesting of the underlying Restricted Stock owned by the reporting person to which the dividend was paid subject to the Agreement.
- These shares were previously owned by the 2011 GRAT No. 2.
- These shares were previously reported as directly beneficially owned but were contributed to a grantor retained annuity trust (the "2012 GRAT") on December 31, 2012.
- The reporting person received these shares of additional Performance Based Restricted Stock as a payment-in-kind dividend on shares of Performance Based Restricted Stock owned on the dividend record date in accordance with the terms of the Performance Based Restricted Stock Award Agreement (the "PB Agreement") resulting from the payment on December 28, 2012 of a cash dividend of \$0.25 per share of common stock based on the closing price of the issuer's common stock on such dividend payment date, which was \$29.94. Such additional Performance Based Restricted Stock issued on account of the dividend will vest, if at all, in installments identical to the vesting of the underlying Performance Based Restricted Stock owned by the reporting person to which the dividend was paid subject to the PB Agreement, as further described in Footnote 5.
- 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.

**Remarks:**

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney    01/02/2013  
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.

\* 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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