

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 HAMMONS KEVIN J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/21/2014

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Senior VP and CAO

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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  | (D)  | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/21/2014                           |  | M                              | A   | 1,500   |  | \$ 37.21  |
| Common Stock                    | 08/21/2014                           |  | S                              | D   | 14,681  |  | \$ 51.2834  |

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

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**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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 37.21   | 08/21/2014                           |  | M                              | 1,500   | 02/28/2008 02/27/2015                                    | Common Stock  | 1,500                      |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 40.41   |                                      |  |                                |   | 07/25/2008 07/24/2015                                    | Common Stock  | 8,000                      |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 32.28   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/27/2009 02/26/2018                                    | Common Stock  | 1,500                      |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 33.9  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/24/2011 02/23/2020                                    | Common Stock  | 1,000                      |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 37.96   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/23/2012 02/22/2021                                    | Common Stock  | 1,000                      |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 21.07   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/16/2013 02/15/2022                                    | Common Stock  | 4,000                      |
| Performance Based Restricted               | \$ 0   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2015 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/29/2024                     | Common Stock  | 20,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |

HAMMONS KEVIN J  
4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD  
FRANKLIN, TN 37067

Senior VP and CAO

## Signatures

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for Kevin J.  
Hammons

08/21/2014

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).

(1) The shares were sold in a series of transactions at a weighted average price of \$51.2834 per share.

(2) 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.

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