COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC Form 8-K July 28, 2010

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 July 28, 2010

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-15925 (Commission File Number) 13-3893191 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4000 Meridian Boulevard Franklin, Tennessee 37067 (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (615) 465-7000

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ITEM 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On July 28, 2010, Community Health Systems, Inc. (the Company) announced operating results for the second quarter and six months ended June 30, 2010. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

ITEM 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

The earnings release referred to in item 2.02 above also includes an update of the Company s previous 2010 guidance. This guidance reaffirms the Company s previous annual earnings guidance provided on April 21, 2010, as modified to reflect certain changes as detailed in the guidance assumptions on page 12, 13 and 14. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibits

The following exhibits are furnished herewith:

99.1 Community Health Systems, Inc. Press Release dated July 28, 2010.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: July 28, 2010 COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Wayne T. Smith

Wayne T. Smith

Chairman of the Board,

President and Chief Executive Officer

(principal executive officer)

By: /s/ W. Larry Cash

W. Larry Cash

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial

Officer and Director

(principal financial officer)

By: /s/ T. Mark Buford

T. Mark Buford

Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting

Officer

(principal accounting officer)

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99.1 Press Release dated July 28, 2010

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