

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC

Form 4

March 03, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BUFORD T MARK

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)
**7100 COMMERCE WAY, SUITE
100**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/01/2006

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Vice President and Controller

(Street)
BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(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 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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	03/01/2006		A		20,000	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	03/01/2006		F		1,764	D	\$ 37.92
Common Stock	03/02/2006		S		4,902	D	\$ 38.17

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.3							05/22/2004	05/22/2013	Common Stock	0
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.37							02/28/2006	02/28/2013	Common Stock	0
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.3	03/01/2006		A		15,000		03/01/2007 ⁽¹⁾	03/01/2014	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
BUFORD T MARK 7100 COMMERCE WAY SUITE 100 BRENTWOOD, TN 37027	Vice President and Controller

Signatures

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact for T. Mark Buford 03/03/2006

____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) Vesting occurs in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.

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