

BUFORD T MARK

Form 4

May 05, 2008

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)
4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/02/2008

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

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

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
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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 (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 | 05/02/2008 | 05/02/2008 | S | | 12,000 | D | \$ 36.35 |
| | | | | | 71,338 | D | |

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)**

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| 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) | | 8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr | |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|-----|---|--------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | 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 | 10,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 32.37 | | | | | | | 02/28/2006 | 02/28/2013 | Common Stock | 0 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 38.3 | | | | | | | 03/01/2007 | 03/01/2014 | Common Stock | 0 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 37.21 | | | | | | | 02/28/2008 | 02/28/2015 | Common Stock | 7,500 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 40.41 | | | | | | | 07/25/2007 | 07/25/2015 | Common Stock | 15,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 32.28 | | | | | | | 02/27/2009 | 02/27/2018 | Common Stock | 7,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--|----------------------------------|
| | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| BUFORD T MARK 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD FRANKLIN, TN 37067 | Vice President and Controller |

Signatures

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

05/05/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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