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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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may continue.

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **CASH W LARRY**

(First)

(Street)

(State)

4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X Director 10% Owner

(Month/Day/Year)

below) 02/24/2010

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify Executive VP and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Check all applicable)

(Middle)

(7:m)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Person

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	red, Disposed of,	, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securitie omr Disposer (Instr. 3, 4	d of (Ľ))	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	02/25/2010		M	100,000	A	\$0	392,052	D	
Common Stock	02/25/2010		F	13,817	D	\$ 33.48	292,052	D	

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

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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)	Code	TransactionDerivative Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title ar Underlyir (Instr. 3 a	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Performance Based Restricted Stock	\$ 0	02/25/2010		M			100,000	02/25/2010(1)	<u>(1)</u>	Commo Stock
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0	02/24/2010		A		80,000		02/24/2011(2)	(2)	Commo Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.9	02/24/2010		A		25,000		02/24/2011(3)	02/24/2020	Commo Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.18							02/25/2010	02/25/2019	Commo
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.37							02/28/2006	02/28/2013	Commo
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.3							03/01/2007	03/01/2014	Commo Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.21							02/28/2008	02/28/2015	Commo Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.41							07/25/2008	07/24/2015	Commo Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.28							02/27/2009	02/26/2018	Commo Stock
	\$ 20.3							05/22/2004	05/22/2013	

Stock **Options** (Right to Buy)

Commo Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
noporting of their removal removal	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
CASH W LARRY 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD FRANKLIN, TN 37067	X		Executive VP and CFO					

Signatures

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact for W. Larry Cash

02/26/2010

**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).
- The performance objectives governing these shares of Performance Based Restricted Stock have been met, and, accordingly, these shares (1) will now be reported in Table 1 as directly owned shares of Restricted Stock. The restrictions lapse in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.
 - 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
- (2) 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.
- (3) Vesting occurs in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.

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