

Smith Martin Dewayne  
Form 4  
December 13, 2011

**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 \*  
Smith Martin Dewayne

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 BLVD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/12/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
Division President

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)
Common Stock	12/10/2011		F	1,216 D	\$ 17.43	73,222 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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0					(1)	(1)	Common Stock	40,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.7					05/21/2003	05/20/2012	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.7					12/09/2004	12/08/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.13					05/25/2005	05/25/2014	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.37					02/28/2006	02/28/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.3					03/01/2007	03/01/2014	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.21					02/28/2008	02/28/2015	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.41					07/25/2008	07/24/2017	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Options	\$ 32.28					02/27/2009	02/27/2018	Common Stock	1,500

(Right to  
Buy)Stock  
Options  
(Right to  
Buy)

\$ 15.11

12/10/2009

12/09/2018

Common  
Stock

6,667

Stock  
Options  
(Right to  
Buy)

\$ 18.18

02/25/2010

02/24/2019

Common  
Stock

6,667

Stock  
Options  
(Right to  
Buy)

\$ 33.9

02/24/2011

02/23/2020

Common  
Stock

10,000

Stock  
Options  
(Right to  
Buy)

\$ 37.96

02/23/2012

02/22/2021

Common  
Stock

10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Smith Martin Dewayne 4000 MERIDIAN BLVD FRANKLIN, TN 37067			Division President	

## Signatures

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for Martin D.  
Smith

12/13/2011

\*\*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).

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

- (1) 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.

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