

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

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)
 02/16/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Executive VP and CFO

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	399,311	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. An	9. Nu	10. Sh
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title		
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0	02/16/2012		A	40,000	02/16/2013 ⁽¹⁾	02/15/2022	Common Stock	4	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.17	02/16/2012		A	20,000	02/16/2013 ⁽²⁾	02/15/2022	Common Stock	2	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.3					05/22/2004	05/22/2013	Common Stock	2	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.37					02/28/2006	02/28/2013	Common Stock	6	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.3					03/01/2007	03/01/2014	Common Stock	5	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.21					02/28/2008	02/28/2015	Common Stock	6	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.41					07/25/2008	07/24/2015	Common Stock	20	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.28					02/27/2009	02/26/2018	Common Stock	6	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.18					02/25/2010	02/24/2019	Common Stock	2	
	\$ 33.9					02/24/2011	02/23/2020		2	

Stock Options (Right to Buy)									Common Stock
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0			02/23/2012 ⁽¹⁾	02/22/2021				Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.96			02/23/2012	02/22/2021				Common Stock

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for W. Larry Cash	02/17/2012
**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.
 - (2) Vesting occurs in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.

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