SMITH WAYNE T

Form 4

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### FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH WAYNE T	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
	COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	X Director 10% Owner		
4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD	(Month/Day/Year) 02/24/2012	_X_ Officer (give title Other (spectibelow)  Chairman, President & CEO		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
FRANKLIN, TN 37067		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)	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/24/2012		F	24,301	D	\$ 25.11	1,031,076	D	
Common Stock	02/25/2012	02/28/2012	F	30,376	D	\$ 25.11	1,000,700	D	
Common Stock							102,000	I	Spouse
Common Stock							51,059	I	by 2009 WTS Irrevocable Trust Dated 2/27/09

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Common 2011 GRAT 307,383 I Stock No. 2

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.3					05/22/2004	05/22/2013	Common Stock	500,00
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.37					02/28/2006	02/28/2013	Common Stock	100,00
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.3					03/01/2007	03/01/2014	Common Stock	100,00
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.21					02/28/2008	02/28/2015	Common Stock	100,00
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.41					07/25/2008	07/24/2017	Common Stock	500,00
Stock Options (Right to	\$ 32.28					02/27/2009	02/26/2018	Common Stock	200,00

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Buy)					
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.18	02/25/2010	02/24/2019	Common Stock	50,00
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.9	02/24/2011	02/23/2020	Common Stock	50,00
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.96	02/23/2012	02/22/2021	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.17	02/16/2013	02/15/2022	Common Stock	40,000
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0	02/16/2013(1)	02/15/2022	Common Stock	100,00

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
SMITH WAYNE T 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD FRANKLIN, TN 37067	X		Chairman, President & CEO		

## **Signatures**

Christopher G. Cobb, Atty. in fact for Wayne T.
Smith
02/28/2012

\*\*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.

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