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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Ely James S. III Issuer Symbol **COMMUNITY HEALTH** (Check all applicable) SYSTEMS INC [CYH] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 4000 MERIDIAN BLVD 02/23/2012 (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 Form filed by More than One Reporting FRANKLIN, TN 37067 Person (City) (State) (Zip)

(,)	()	Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties		5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	tionAcquired (A) or			Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
						Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
					(4)		Reported		
				(A)		Transaction(s)			
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common	02/23/2012		M	1,229	A	\$ 0	7.372	D	
Stock	02/20/2012			-,>		Ψ 0	,,,,,,	_	
Common									
Stock	02/24/2012		M	1,377	A	\$ 0	8,749	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)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerci Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	te	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
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0					05/19/2010	05/18/2020	Common Stock	2,384
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/24/2012		M	1,377	02/24/2011	02/23/2020	Common Stock	1,377
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/23/2012		M	1,229	02/23/2012	02/22/2021	Common Stock	1,229
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0					02/16/2013	02/15/2022	Common Stock	6,645

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting o where there is a real constant of the constant of	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Ely James S. III 4000 MERIDIAN BLVD FRANKLIN, TN 37067	X						

Signatures

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for James S. Ely 04/16/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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