COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC Form 8-K October 10, 2013

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 10, 2013 (October 9, 2013)

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

001-15925 (Commission 13-3893191 (IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

4000 Meridian Boulevard

Franklin, Tennessee 37067

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (615) 465-7000

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- x Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On October 9, 2013, Community Health Systems, Inc. (the Company) provided an update with respect to the Federal Trade Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission review processes in connection with the Company s proposed acquisition of Health Management Associates, Inc. A copy of the press release providing this update is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following items are included as Exhibits to this report and incorporated herein by reference:

EXHIBIT

NO. DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBIT

99.1 Community Health System, Inc. press release dated October 9, 2013

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 10, 2013

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

By: /s/ Wayne T. Smith Wayne T. Smith

Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer

(principal executive officer)

By: /s/ W. Larry Cash

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Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Director

(principal financial officer)

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