

Smith Martin Dewayne  
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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 \*  
 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)  
 02/16/2012

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

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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. An or Nu of
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0	02/16/2012		A	20,000	02/16/2013 <sup>(1)</sup> 02/15/2022	Common Stock	20
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.17	02/16/2012		A	8,000	02/16/2013 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/15/2022	Common Stock	8
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.7					05/21/2003 05/20/2012	Common Stock	2
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.7					12/09/2004 12/08/2013	Common Stock	5
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.13					05/25/2005 05/25/2014	Common Stock	2
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.37					02/28/2006 02/28/2013	Common Stock	5
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.3					03/01/2007 03/01/2014	Common Stock	3
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.21					02/28/2008 02/28/2015	Common Stock	1
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.41					07/25/2008 07/24/2017	Common Stock	8

Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.11	12/10/2009	12/09/2018	Common Stock	6
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.28	02/27/2009	02/27/2018	Common Stock	1
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.18	02/25/2010	02/24/2019	Common Stock	6
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.9	02/24/2011	02/23/2020	Common Stock	10
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0	02/23/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/22/2021	Common Stock	40
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.96	02/23/2012	02/22/2021	Common Stock	10

## 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 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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