

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 *
 PORTACCI MICHAEL T

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)
 02/26/2015

____ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	02/26/2015		M		50,000	A	\$ 40.41
Common Stock	02/26/2015		S		50,000	D	\$ 44.0019

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. 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	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.41	02/26/2015		M	50,000	07/25/2008	07/24/2015	Common Stock	50
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.28					02/27/2009	02/26/2018	Common Stock	20
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.9					02/24/2011	02/23/2020	Common Stock	10
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.96					02/23/2012	02/22/2021	Common Stock	10
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.07					02/16/2013	02/15/2022	Common Stock	2
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0					03/01/2015 ⁽²⁾	02/29/2024	Common Stock	25
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0					03/01/2015 ⁽³⁾	02/29/2024	Common Stock	10

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Division President	Other

PORTACCI MICHAEL T
4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD
FRANKLIN, TN 37067

Signatures

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for Michael T.
Portacci

02/27/2015

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The shares were sold in a series of transactions at a weighted average price of \$44.0019 per share.

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

(2) 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.

Each performance based restricted share represents a contingent right to receive one share of CYH common stock. The lapsing of the

(3) restrictions is dependent on the Company meeting certain cost savings ("synergies") from the Health Management Associates, Inc. merger transaction. The performance target may be met in part in the first year or in whole or in part over the first two years. There is also a time vesting element to the maximum targets of the award. If the objectives are not met, the shares will be forfeited.

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