

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC
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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)
 02/27/2015

____ 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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	02/27/2015		M	50,000	A	\$ 40.41	86,210	D
Common Stock	02/27/2015		S	50,000	D	\$ 48.5601	36,210	D
Common Stock	02/27/2015		F	3,496	D	\$ 48.52	32,714	D
Common Stock	03/01/2015		M	25,000	A	\$ 0	57,714	D
Common Stock	03/01/2015		M	3,333	A	\$ 0	61,047	D

Stock
Options
(Right to
Buy)

\$ 21.07

02/16/2013

02/15/2022

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PORTACCI MICHAEL T 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD FRANKLIN, TN 37067			Division President	

Signatures

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

03/02/2015

__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 \$48.5601 per share.

The performance objectives governing these shares of Performance Based Restricted Stock have been met, and, accordingly, these shares

(2) will now be reported in Table 1 as directly owned shares of Restricted Stock. The restrictions lapse in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.

Each performance based restricted share represents a contingent right to receive one share of CYH common stock. The Company has achieved the cost savings ("synergies") from the Health Management Associates, Inc. ("HMA") merger transaction that were required to be achieved during the first year following the merger transaction, and, accordingly, 1/3 of the performance based restricted shares awarded in conjunction with the completion of the HMA merger transaction will now be reported on Table 1 as directly owned shares.

(3) The restrictions on such shares have lapsed. The remaining 2/3 of the performance based restricted shares awarded in conjunction with the completion of the HMA merger transaction will remain subject to the two-year performance target, which may be met in whole or in part in the second year following the grant. 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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