

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Ely James S. III

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)  
 02/27/2016

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code V	Amount				
Common Stock	02/27/2016		M	1,198	A	\$ 0 (1)	41,425	D	
Common Stock							4,990	I	By E5 Investors LLC

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/27/2016		M	1,198	02/27/2014	02/26/2023	Common Stock	1,198
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0					03/01/2015	02/29/2024	Common Stock	2,409
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0					03/01/2016	02/28/2025	Common Stock	3,504
Stock Units (SU)	\$ 0					(2)	(2)	Common Stock	2,882.47

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	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  
Date: 02/29/2016

\_\_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).

(1) The security converts to common stock on a one-to-one basis.

(2) The Stock Units were accrued under the Company's Directors' Fees Deferral Plan in lieu of a portion of the Reporting Person's Director Fees and are settled 100% in the Company's common stock upon cessation as a director or upon a date specified by the director.

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