

Miller Thomas Daniel
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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 *
 Miller Thomas Daniel

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)
 02/16/2012

____ 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)

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 | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 102,671 | 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Performance Based Restricted | \$ 0 | 02/16/2012 | | A | 20,000 | 02/16/2013 ⁽¹⁾ 02/15/2022 | Common Stock | 20 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.17 | 02/16/2012 | | A | 8,000 | 02/16/2013 ⁽²⁾ 02/15/2022 | Common Stock | 8 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 40.41 | | | | | 07/25/2008 07/24/2017 | Common Stock | 50 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 18.18 | | | | | 02/25/2010 02/24/2019 | Common Stock | 10 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 32.28 | | | | | 02/27/2009 02/27/2018 | Common Stock | 20 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 33.9 | | | | | 02/24/2011 02/23/2020 | Common Stock | 10 |
| Performance Based Restricted | \$ 0 | | | | | 02/23/2012 ⁽¹⁾ 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

Miller Thomas Daniel
4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD
FRANKLIN, TN 37067

Division President

Signatures

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for Thomas D.
Miller

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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