

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC  
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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### FORM S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
Under  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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## COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**13-3893191**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**155 Franklin Road, Suite 400  
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027  
(615) 373-9600**

(Address including zip code, and telephone number,  
including area code, of registrant's principal  
executive offices)

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**Rachel A. Seifert**  
**Senior Vice-President, Secretary and General Counsel**  
**155 Franklin Road, Suite 400**  
**Brentwood, Tennessee 37027**  
**(615) 373-9600**

(Name, address including zip code, and telephone number,  
including area code, of agent for service)

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**Copy to:**

**Jeffrey Bagner**  
**Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP**  
**One New York Plaza**  
**New York, New York 10004-1980**  
**(212) 859-8000**

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to public:** From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

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If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.  333-112084

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box.

### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered(1)	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price Per Unit(1)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	3,510,130 shares	\$28.26	\$99,196,273.00	\$12,568.17

(1) Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee pursuant to the provisions of Rule 457(c) and based on the average of the last reported high and low sales prices of the registrant's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on April 8, 2004.

### EXPLANATORY NOTE AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

This Registration Statement is being filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and includes the registration statement facing page, this page, the signature page, an exhibit index and the exhibits filed herewith. The contents of the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-112084), filed by Community Health Systems, Inc., with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 22, 2004, as amended, which was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 5, 2004, including the exhibits thereto, are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all the requirement for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Brentwood, State of Tennessee, on the 12th day of April, 2004.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

By: /s/ WAYNE T. SMITH

Wayne T. Smith  
Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Signature

Title

Date

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Signature	Title	Date
<hr/> <i>/s/ WAYNE T. SMITH</i> <hr/>	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)	April 12, 2004
Wayne T. Smith		
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<hr/> W. Larry Cash <hr/>	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Director (principal financial officer)	April 12, 2004
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<hr/> T. Mark Buford <hr/>	Vice President and Corporate Controller (principal accounting officer)	April 12, 2004
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<hr/> John A. Clerico <hr/>	Director	April 12, 2004
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<hr/> Robert J. Dole <hr/>	Director	April 12, 2004
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<hr/> J. Anthony Forstmann <hr/>	Director	April 12, 2004
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<hr/> Theodore J. Forstmann <hr/>	Director	April 12, 2004
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<hr/> Dale F. Frey <hr/>	Director	April 12, 2004
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<hr/> Sandra J. Horbach <hr/>	Director	April 12, 2004
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<hr/> Harvey Klein, M.D. <hr/>	Director	April 12, 2004
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<hr/> Thomas H. Lister <hr/>	Director	April 12, 2004
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<hr/> Michael A. Miles <hr/>	Director	April 12, 2004
 *By: <i>/s/ WAYNE T. SMITH</i> <hr/>		

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Wayne T. Smith  
*as Attorney-in-fact*

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
5.1	Opinion of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP
23.1	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP
23.2	Consent of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 above)
24.1	Power of Attorney (filed as Exhibit 24.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 of Community Health Systems, Inc. (File No. 333-112084) and incorporated herein by reference)

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