

WATSON H MITCHELL JR  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 WATSON H MITCHELL JR

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)  
 09/28/2012

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   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/28/2012                           | 09/28/2012   | M                              | 4,987 A   | 20,404  | 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) | Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Stock Units (SU)                           | (1)  | 09/28/2012                           | 09/28/2012   | M                              | 4,987.119   | 09/28/2012 09/28/2012                                    | Common Stock  | 4,987.119                                      |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 25.13   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/25/2005 05/25/2014                                    | Common Stock  | 10   |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 27.71   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/03/2006 01/03/2015                                    | Common Stock  | 5  |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/24/2011 02/23/2020                                    | Common Stock  | 1  |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/16/2013 02/15/2022                                    | Common Stock  | 6  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WATSON H MITCHELL JR<br>4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD<br>FRANKLIN, TN 37067 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for H. Mitchell  
Watson, Jr. 10/01/2012

\_\_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).
- (1) The stock units were accrued under the Company's Directors' Fees' Deferral Plan (the "Plan") and are settled 100% in the Company's common stock upon cessation as a director or upon a date specified by the director.
- (2) Pursuant to the Plan, cash payment is made for the fractional unit (.119), which is canceled and does not convert into a fractional share of the Issuer's common stock.

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