

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC  
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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 \*  
 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)  
 03/01/2016

\_\_\_\_ 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)

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/01/2016		M		35,000	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	03/01/2016		M		6,667	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	03/01/2016		F		9,789	D	\$ 15.43

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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0	03/01/2016		M <sup>(1)</sup>	35,000	03/01/2016	02/28/2025	Common Stock
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0	03/01/2016		M <sup>(2)</sup>	6,667	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0	03/01/2016		A	35,000	03/01/2017 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/28/2026	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.28					02/27/2009	02/26/2018	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.9					02/24/2011	02/23/2020	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.96					02/23/2012	02/22/2021	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.07					02/16/2013	02/15/2022	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

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

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

## Signatures

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for Michael T.  
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03/02/2016

\_\_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).

The performance objectives governing these shares of Performance Based Restricted Stock have been met, and, accordingly, these shares  
(1) will now be reported in Table 1 as directly owned shares of Restricted Stock. The time-vesting restrictions lapse in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.

Pursuant to the terms governing the award, 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 two years following the HMA merger transaction, and, accordingly, the performance-based restrictions on the remaining portion of the award have lapsed as of the second anniversary of the date of grant. All such shares will now be reported on Table 1 as directly owned shares of Restricted Stock. There is also a time-vesting element. The time-vesting restrictions lapse in equal installments on the second and third anniversary of the date of grant.  
(2)

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 performance-based restriction; first, the Company must achieve specified targeted amount of adjusted  
(3) EBITDA or net revenue from continuing operations, and if the performance objective is met, the time-vesting restrictions will lapse in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant. If the performance objectives are not met, the shares will be forfeited.

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