

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC

Form 8-K

November 28, 2012

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 28, 2012 (November 27, 2012)

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-15925
(Commission

File Number)

13-3893191
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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4000 Meridian Boulevard

Franklin, Tennessee 37067

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (615) 465-7000

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On November 27, 2012 (the Closing Date), Community Health Systems, Inc. (the Company) and its wholly-owned subsidiary CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc. (the Borrower) entered into Amendment No. 2 (the Amendment), effective as of the Closing Date, of their existing credit agreement, dated as of July 25, 2007, as amended and restated as of November 5, 2010 and February 2, 2012 and as amended as of August 3, 2012, among the Company, the Borrower, the lenders party thereto and Credit Suisse AG, as administrative agent and collateral agent (as amended, supplemented, amended and restated or otherwise modified, the Credit Agreement).

The Amendment provides increased flexibility for the Company to make investments and restricted payments and incur debt related to acquisitions, and amends certain other terms of the Credit Agreement, including the maximum leverage ratio and interest coverage ratio financial covenant levels. The pricing of the loans under the Credit Agreement will remain unchanged. A one year 1% prepayment premium payable in connection with a repricing of the extended term loans due 2017 was added.

The foregoing summary of the Amendment and the transactions contemplated thereby does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the full text of the Amendment, which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 hereto and incorporated into this report by reference.

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The disclosures under Item 1.01 of this report are also responsive to Item 2.03 of this report and are incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On November 21, 2012, the Company announced that it had obtained the requisite consents of the lenders to enter into the Amendment to its Credit Agreement. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following items are included as Exhibits to this report and incorporated herein by reference:

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99.1	Press release dated November 21, 2012

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

Date: November 28, 2012

By: /s/ Wayne T. Smith
Wayne T. Smith
Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer
(principal executive officer)

By: /s/ W. Larry Cash
W. Larry Cash
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Director
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