

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC

Form 4

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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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)
155 FRANKLIN ROAD, SUITE 400
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/02/2005

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Vice President and Controller

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M		23,333	A \$ 20.3	53,784 D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M		1,749	D \$ 38.12	52,035 D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M		2,700	D \$ 38.07	49,335 D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M		1,800	D \$ 38.08	47,535 D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M		1,900	D \$ 38.1	45,635 D

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Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M	3,300	D	\$ 38.11	42,335	D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M	984	D	\$ 38.17	41,351	D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M	2,300	D	\$ 38.16	39,051	D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M	2,000	D	\$ 38	37,051	D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M	4,300	D	\$ 38.14	32,751	D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M	2,300	D	\$ 38.15	30,451	D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	S	600	D	\$ 38.33	29,851	D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	S	1,500	D	\$ 38.21	28,351	D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	S	3,000	D	\$ 38.04	25,351	D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	S	4,500	D	\$ 38.15	20,851	D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	S	851	D	\$ 38.12	20,000	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)

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 20.3	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M		23,333		05/22/2004	05/22/2013	Common Stock	23,333

(Right to
Buy)

Stock

Options

(Right to

Buy)

\$ 32.37

02/28/2006

02/28/2016

Common
Stock

20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BUFORD T MARK 155 FRANKLIN ROAD SUITE 400 BRENTWOOD, TN 37027			Vice President and Controller	

Signatures

T. Mark Buford, by Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney
in Fact

08/02/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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