

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC

Form 4

July 27, 2007

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BUFORD T MARK

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)  
07/25/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
Vice President and Controller

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 07/25/2007                              |                                                             | A                                    | 15,000                                                                     | A \$ 0 66,806                                                                                                      | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                           |                    |                 |                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                                                            | (A)                                                            | (D)                                                                 | Date Exercisable          | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy)               | \$ 20.3                                                               |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                              |                                                                |                                                                     | 05/22/2004                | 05/22/2013         | Common<br>Stock | 10,000                              |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy)               | \$ 32.37                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                              |                                                                |                                                                     | 02/28/2006                | 02/28/2013         | Common<br>Stock | 0                                   |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy)               | \$ 38.3                                                               |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                              |                                                                |                                                                     | 03/01/2007                | 03/01/2014         | Common<br>Stock | 0                                   |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy)               | \$ 37.21                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                              |                                                                |                                                                     | 02/28/2008                | 02/28/2015         | Common<br>Stock | 7,500                               |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy)               | \$ 40.41                                                              | 07/25/2007                              |                                                             | A                                       |                                                                                                              | 15,000                                                         |                                                                     | 07/25/2008 <sup>(1)</sup> | 07/25/2015         | Common<br>Stock | 15,000                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| BUFORD T MARK<br>4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD<br>FRANKLIN, TN 37067 | Vice President and Controller    |

## Signatures

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

07/27/2007

\_\_\_\_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) Vesting occurs in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.

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