

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC

Form 3

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 *

A Smith Martin Dewayne

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4000 MERIDIAN BLVD

(Street)

FRANKLIN, A TN A 37067

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

12/10/2008

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner

X Officer ___ Other

(give title below) (specify below)

Division Pres.; Division Ops

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting
Person___ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

12,834

D A

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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currently valid OMB control number.****Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**1. Title of Derivative
Security
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)Date Exercisable Expiration
Date3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)Title Amount or
Number of4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	05/21/2003 ⁽¹⁾	05/21/2012	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 27.7	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	05/22/2004 ⁽¹⁾	05/22/2013	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 20.3	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	05/22/2004 ⁽¹⁾	05/22/2013	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 20.3	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	12/09/2004 ⁽¹⁾	12/09/2013	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 25.7	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	05/25/2005 ⁽¹⁾	05/25/2014	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 25.13	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/28/2006 ⁽¹⁾	02/28/2013	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 32.37	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	03/01/2007 ⁽¹⁾	03/01/2014	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 38.3	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/28/2008 ⁽¹⁾	02/28/2015	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 37.21	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/27/2009 ⁽¹⁾	02/27/2018	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 32.28	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	07/25/2008 ⁽¹⁾	07/25/2015	Common Stock	8,000	\$ 40.41	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Smith Martin Dewayne 4000 MERIDIAN BLVD FRANKLIN, TN 37067	Â	Â	Â Division Pres.; Division Ops	Â

Signatures

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact for Martin D. Smith

12/11/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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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