

BUFORD T MARK
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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 *
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)
02/25/2009

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

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/25/2009	02/25/2009	A	30,000 A \$ 0	96,729	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 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 (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.3					05/22/2004	05/22/2013			Common Stock	13,334
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.37					02/28/2006	02/28/2013			Common Stock	20,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.3					03/01/2007	03/01/2014			Common Stock	15,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.21					02/28/2008	02/28/2015			Common Stock	7,500
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.28					02/27/2009	02/26/2018			Common Stock	7,500
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.41					07/25/2008	07/25/2015			Common Stock	15,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.18	02/25/2009	02/25/2009	A	5,000	02/25/2010 ⁽¹⁾	02/25/2019			Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other
 Vice President and Controller

BUFORD T MARK
4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD
FRANKLIN, TN 37067

Signatures

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

02/27/2009

__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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