

PORTACCI MICHAEL T
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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 *
 PORTACCI MICHAEL T

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)
 02/24/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Division President

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/24/2012		F	4,860	D \$ 25.11	159,677	D
Common Stock	02/25/2012	02/28/2012	F	4,861	D \$ 25.11	154,816	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 Number Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.3					05/22/2004	05/22/2013	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.37					02/28/2006	02/28/2013	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.3					03/01/2007	03/01/2014	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.21					02/28/2008	02/28/2015	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.41					07/25/2008	07/24/2017	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.28					02/27/2009	02/26/2018	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.18					02/25/2010	02/24/2019	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.9					02/24/2011	02/23/2020	Common Stock	10,000

Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.96	02/23/2012	02/22/2021	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.17	02/16/2013	02/15/2022	Common Stock	8,000
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0	02/16/2013 ⁽¹⁾	02/15/2022	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PORTACCI MICHAEL T 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD FRANKLIN, TN 37067			Division President	

Signatures

Christopher G. Cobb, Atty. in fact for Michael T. Portacci	02/28/2012
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

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).
- Each performance based restricted share represents a contingent right to receive one share of CYH common stock. There are two elements to the lapsing of the restriction; first, the Company must achieve specified targeted amount of earnings per share from
- (1) continuing operations, or net revenue from continuing operations, and if the performance objective is met, the vesting restrictions will lapse in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant. If the objectives are not met, the shares will be forfeited.

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