

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC
 Form 4
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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 *
 NEWSOME GARY D

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)
 03/11/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Officer - Reporting

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting 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) | (A) or (D) | 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 | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2005 | 03/11/2005 | M | | 6,809 | \$ 6.99 | 53,608 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2005 | 03/11/2005 | M | | 60,000 | \$ 13 | 113,608 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2005 | 03/11/2005 | S | | 1,600 | \$ 33.6 | 112,008 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2005 | 03/11/2005 | S | | 1,300 | \$ 33.61 | 110,708 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2005 | 03/11/2005 | S | | 5,200 | \$ 33.62 | 105,508 | D |

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|--------------|------------|------------|---|--------|---|----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 03/11/2005 | 03/11/2005 | S | 18,300 | D | \$ 33.63 | 87,208 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2005 | 03/11/2005 | S | 3,609 | D | \$ 33.64 | 83,599 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2005 | 03/11/2005 | S | 5,700 | D | \$ 33.65 | 77,899 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2005 | 03/11/2005 | S | 500 | D | \$ 33.66 | 77,399 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2005 | 03/11/2005 | S | 30,600 | D | \$ 33.67 | 46,799 | 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 (Right to buy) | \$ 6.99 | 03/11/2005 | 03/11/2005 | M | | 6,809 | | 06/08/1999 | 06/08/2008 | Common Stock | 6,809 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 13 | 03/11/2005 | 03/11/2005 | M | | 60,000 | | 06/08/2001 | 06/08/2010 | Common Stock | 60,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 20.3 | | | | | | | 05/22/2004 | 05/22/2013 | Common Stock | 200,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 32.37 | | | | | | | 02/28/2006 | 02/28/2015 | Common Stock | 30,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| NEWSOME GARY D 155 FRANKLIN ROAD SUITE 400 BRENTWOOD, TN 37027 | | | Executive Officer - Reporting | |

Signatures

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| Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact | 03/14/2005 |
| <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).

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