

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC
Form 8-K
October 26, 2011

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

October 26, 2011

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-15925

13-3893191

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

4000 Meridian Boulevard

Franklin, Tennessee 37067

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(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (615) 465-7000

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ITEM 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 26, 2011, Community Health Systems, Inc. (the Company) announced operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.02.

ITEM 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

The press release referred to in Item 2.02 above also includes an update of the Company's 2011 annual earnings guidance as well as the Company's initial 2012 guidance. The 2011 guidance primarily reaffirms the Company's previous guidance provided on July 28, 2011, as updated to reflect historical results through September 30, 2011, with certain changes to the assumptions used in connection with the guidance as set forth on pages 13, 14 and 15 of this press release. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are furnished herewith:

99.1 Community Health Systems, Inc. Press Release dated October 26, 2011.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 26, 2011

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Wayne T. Smith

Wayne T. Smith
Chairman of the Board,
President and Chief Executive Officer
(principal executive officer)

By: /s/ W. Larry Cash

W. Larry Cash
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
and Director
(principal financial officer)

By: /s/ T. Mark Buford

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T. Mark Buford
Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer
(principal accounting officer)

Index to Exhibits

| <u>Exhibit Number</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99.1 | Community Health Systems, Inc. Press Release dated October 26, 2011 |