

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 21, 2017

**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**

**Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): February 21, 2017 (February 20, 2017)**

**COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**001-15925**  
**(Commission**

**File Number)**  
**4000 Meridian Boulevard**

**13-3893191**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**

**Identification No.)**

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**Franklin, Tennessee 37067**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

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

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Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K (including the exhibits hereto) shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in any such filing.

**ITEM 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On February 20, 2017, Community Health Systems, Inc. (the Company ) announced operating results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2016. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on 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 the Company s 2017 annual earnings guidance. The 2017 guidance is based on the Company s historical operating performance, current trends and other assumptions the Company believes are reasonable at this time as set forth on pages 17, 18, 19 and 20 of the press release. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01.

**ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**  
**(d) Exhibits**

The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

**Exhibit**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Community Health Systems, Inc. Press Release, dated February 20, 2017.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 21, 2017

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Wayne T. Smith  
Wayne T. Smith  
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

By: /s/ W. Larry Cash  
W. Larry Cash  
President of Financial Services, Chief Financial  
Officer  
and Director  
(principal financial officer)

By: /s/ Kevin J. Hammons  
Kevin J. Hammons  
Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer  
(principal accounting officer)

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