

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 \*  
 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)  
 07/25/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Division President, Group Ops

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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	82,869	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0	07/25/2007		A	15,000	07/25/2008 <sup>(1)</sup> 07/25/2008	Common Stock
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0	07/25/2007		A	15,000	07/25/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 07/25/2009	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.21					02/28/2008 02/28/2015	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.3					05/22/2004 05/22/2013	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.37					02/28/2006 02/28/2013	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.3					03/01/2007 03/01/2014	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.41	07/25/2007		A	100,000	07/25/2008 <sup>(3)</sup> 07/25/2015	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact for Michael T.  
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07/27/2007

\_\_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).

Each performance based restricted share represents a contingent right to receive one share of CYH common stock. There are certain  
(1) performance criteria that must be satisfied in order to trigger the lapse of restrictions. If the objectives are attained, the restrictions will lapse on 7/25/2008. If the objectives are not met, the shares will be forfeited.

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(2) performance criteria that must be satisfied in order to trigger the lapse of restrictions. If the objectives are attained, the restrictions will lapse on 7/25/2009. If the objectives are not met, the shares will be forfeited.

(3) Vesting occurs in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.

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