

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC  
Form 8-K  
October 28, 2009

**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 28, 2009**

**Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)**

**COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.**  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

001-15925  
(Commission File Number)

13-3893191  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

4000 Meridian Boulevard  
Franklin, Tennessee 37067  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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The information contained in this 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 (the Securities Act), 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 October 28, 2009, Community Health Systems, Inc. (the Company) announced operating results for the third quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2009. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

ITEM 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

The earnings release referred to in item 2.02 above also includes an update of the Company's previous 2009 guidance and includes the Company's initial 2010 guidance. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibits

The following exhibits are furnished herewith:

99.1 Community Health Systems, Inc. Press Release dated October 28, 2009.

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 28, 2009

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

Index to Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Description                          |
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| 99.1           | Press Release dated October 28, 2009 |

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