

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC  
Form 8-K  
March 16, 2017

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 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): March 16, 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)**

**13-3893191**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

**4000 Meridian Boulevard**

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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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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On March 16, 2017, CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc. (the Issuer), a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Community Health Systems, Inc. (the Company), completed its previously announced public offering of \$2,200,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 6.250% Senior Secured Notes due 2023 (the 2023 Notes). The terms of the 2023 Notes are governed by a base indenture, dated March 16, 2017, by and between the Issuer and Regions Bank, as trustee (the Trustee) (the 2023 Base Indenture), as amended and supplemented by a supplemental indenture, dated March 16, 2017, by and among the Issuer, the Company, the other guarantors party thereto, the Trustee and Credit Suisse AG, as collateral agent (the 2023 Supplemental Indenture and, together with the 2023 Base Indenture, the Indenture).

The 2023 Notes bear interest at a rate of 6.250% per year payable semi-annually in arrears on March 31 and September 30 of each year, commencing on September 30, 2017.

The Issuer may redeem some or all of the 2023 Notes at any time prior to March 31, 2020 at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2023 Notes redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, plus a make-whole premium, as described in the Indenture. The Issuer may redeem some or all of the 2023 Notes at any time on or after March 31, 2020 at the redemption prices set forth in the Indenture, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any. In addition, the Issuer may redeem up to 40% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2023 Notes at any time prior to March 31, 2020 using the net proceeds from certain equity offerings at the redemption price set forth in the Indenture, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any.

If the Company or the Issuer experience a Change of Control (as defined in the Indenture), the Issuer is required to offer to repurchase the 2023 Notes at 101% of their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase.

The Indenture provides for customary events of default which include (subject in certain cases to customary grace and cure periods), among others, nonpayment of principal or interest, breach of other agreements in the Indenture, failure to pay certain other indebtedness, failure to pay certain final judgments, failure of certain guarantees to be enforceable and certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency. The Indenture contains covenants that, among other things, limit the Company's ability and the ability of its restricted subsidiaries to incur or guarantee additional indebtedness, pay dividends or make other restricted payments, make certain investments, create or incur certain liens, sell assets and subsidiary stock, impair a security interest, transfer all or substantially all of the Company's assets or enter into merger or consolidation transactions and enter into transactions with affiliates.

The 2023 Notes are secured by a first-priority lien (subject to a shared lien of equal priority with certain other obligations, including obligations under our existing senior secured credit facilities (our Credit Facility), our 5.125% Senior Secured Notes due 2021 (the 2021 Secured Notes) and, for so long as they remain outstanding, our 5.125% Senior Secured Notes due 2018 (the 2018 Secured Notes), and

subject to other prior ranking liens permitted by the Indenture) on substantially the same assets that secure the obligations under our Credit Facility, our 2021 Secured Notes and, for so long as they remain outstanding, the 2018 Secured Notes, subject to certain exceptions.

The foregoing summary and description of the Indenture and the 2023 Notes does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the full text of the 2023 Base Indenture and the 2023 Supplemental Indenture, which are filed as Exhibits 4.1 and 4.2, respectively, hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

A copy of the press release announcing the completion of the 2023 Notes offering is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

The information provided in Item 1.01 with respect to the Issuer's issuance and sale of the 2023 Notes is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On March 16, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing the early tender results of the Issuer's previously announced cash tender offer for any and all of the Issuer's outstanding 2018 Secured Notes on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Issuer's Offer to Purchase and the accompanying Letter of Transmittal, both dated March 2, 2017.

A copy of the press release issued by the Company announcing the early tender results is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated into this Item 8.01 by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

- 4.1 Indenture by and between CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc. and Regions Bank, as Trustee.
- 4.2 Supplemental Indenture relating to CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc.'s 6.250% Senior Secured Notes due 2023, dated March 16, 2017, by and among CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc., Community Health Systems, Inc., the Guarantors party thereto, Regions Bank, as Trustee and Credit Suisse AG, as collateral agent.
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- 5.2 Opinion of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP
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- 99.2 Press Release of Community Health Systems, Inc., dated March 16, 2017, relating to the early tender results

**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: March 16, 2017

Community Health Systems, Inc.  
(Registrant)

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

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