

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 \*  
**BUFORD T MARK**

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)  
**02/27/2008**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Vice President and Controller**

**FRANKLIN, TN 37067**

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/27/2008		A	22,000 A \$ 0	88,806	D	
Common Stock	02/28/2008		F	3,704 D \$ 32.01	85,102	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2008		F	1,764 D \$ 31.07	83,338	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)

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 (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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.3					05/22/2004	05/22/2013	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.37					02/28/2006	02/28/2013	Common Stock	0
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.3					03/01/2007	03/01/2014	Common Stock	0
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.21					02/28/2008	02/28/2015	Common Stock	7,500
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.41					07/25/2007	07/25/2015	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.28	02/27/2008		A	7,500	02/27/2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/27/2018	Common Stock	7,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other  
Vice President and Controller

BUFORD T MARK  
4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD  
FRANKLIN, TN 37067

## Signatures

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact for T. Mark  
Buford

02/29/2008

\_\_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).

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

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