Smith Martin Dewayne
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Smith Martin Dewayne

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4000 MERIDIAN BLVD

(Street)

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/27/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Division Pres.; Division Ops

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ 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	02/27/2009	02/27/2009	F		1,588	D	$ 16.36	21,246	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 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Based Restricted	$ 0							(1)	(1)	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$ 18.18							02/25/2010	02/25/2019	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$ 27.7							05/21/2003	05/21/2012	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$ 20.3							05/22/2004	05/22/2013	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$ 20.3							05/22/2004	05/22/2013	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$ 25.7							12/09/2004	12/09/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$ 25.13							05/25/2005	05/25/2014	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$ 32.37							02/28/2006	02/28/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options	$ 38.3							03/01/2007	03/01/2014	Common Stock	3,000

(Right to Buy)						
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$ 37.21		02/28/2008	02/28/2015	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$ 32.28		02/27/2009	02/27/2018	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$ 40.41		07/25/2008	07/25/2015	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$ 15.11		12/10/2009	12/10/2019	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Smith Martin Dewayne 4000 MERIDIAN BLVD FRANKLIN, TN 37067			Division Pres.; Division Ops	

Signatures

Christopher Cobb, Attorney in Fact for Martin D. Smith	03/03/2009
**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) Each performance based restricted share represents a contingent right to receive one share of CYH common stock. There are two elements to the lapsing of the restriction; first, the Company must achieve specified targeted amount of earnings per share from continuing operations, or net revenue from continuing operations, and if the performance objective is met, the vesting restrictions will lapse in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant. If the objectives are not met, the shares will be forfeited.

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