

HAMMONS KEVIN J  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â HAMMONS KEVIN J		(Month/Day/Year)	COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	03/01/2012	
4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
FRANKLIN,Â TNÂ 37067			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			VP/Chief Accounting Officer	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	33,336	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title			

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	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	05/22/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	05/22/2013	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 20.3	D Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/28/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/28/2013	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 32.37	D Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	03/01/2007 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/01/2014	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 38.3	D Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/28/2008 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/28/2015	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 37.21	D Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	07/25/2008 <sup>(1)</sup>	07/24/2017	Common Stock	8,000	\$ 40.41	D Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/27/2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/27/2018	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 32.28	D Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/25/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/24/2019	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 18.18	D Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/24/2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/23/2020	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 33.9	D Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/23/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/22/2021	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 37.96	D Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/16/2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/15/2022	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 20.17	D Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HAMMONS KEVIN J 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD FRANKLIN, TN 37067	Â	Â	Â VP/Chief Accounting Officer	Â

## Signatures

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for Kevin J. Hammons 03/01/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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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