

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**CASH W LARRY**

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)  
**02/23/2012**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Executive VP and CFO**

**FRANKLIN, TN 37067**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/23/2012		M	80,000	A \$ 0	479,311	D
Common Stock	02/23/2012		F	9,720	D \$ 24.69	389,591	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0	02/23/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	80,000	02/23/2012	02/22/2021	Common Stock	80,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.3					05/22/2004	05/22/2013	Common Stock	20,300
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.37					02/28/2006	02/28/2013	Common Stock	60,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.3					03/01/2007	03/01/2014	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.21					02/28/2008	02/28/2015	Common Stock	60,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.41					07/25/2008	07/24/2015	Common Stock	20,300
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.28					02/27/2009	02/26/2018	Common Stock	60,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.18					02/25/2010	02/24/2019	Common Stock	20,300
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.9					02/24/2011	02/23/2020	Common Stock	20,300

