

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC
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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)
 155 FRANKLIN ROAD, SUITE 400
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/02/2005

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

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M			23,333	A \$ 20.3	53,784	D	
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M			1,749	D \$ 38.12	52,035	D	
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M			2,700	D \$ 38.07	49,335	D	
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M			1,800	D \$ 38.08	47,535	D	
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M			1,900	D \$ 38.1	45,635	D	

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Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M	3,300	D	\$ 38.11	42,335	D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M	984	D	\$ 38.17	41,351	D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M	2,300	D	\$ 38.16	39,051	D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M	2,000	D	\$ 38	37,051	D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M	4,300	D	\$ 38.14	32,751	D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M	2,300	D	\$ 38.15	30,451	D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	S	600	D	\$ 38.33	29,851	D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	S	1,500	D	\$ 38.21	28,351	D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	S	3,000	D	\$ 38.04	25,351	D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	S	4,500	D	\$ 38.15	20,851	D
Common Stock	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	S	851	D	\$ 38.12	20,000	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
Stock Options	\$ 20.3	08/02/2005	08/02/2005	M	23,333	05/22/2004 05/22/2013	Common Stock	23,333	

(Right to Buy)

Stock

Options (Right to Buy) \$ 32.37

02/28/2006 02/28/2016

Common Stock 20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BUFORD T MARK 155 FRANKLIN ROAD SUITE 400 BRENTWOOD, TN 37027			Vice President and Controller	

Signatures

T. Mark Buford, by Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact 08/02/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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