

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 09, 2015

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

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): December 9, 2015 (December 9, 2015)**

**COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
**of incorporation or organization)**

**001-15925**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**  
**4000 Meridian Boulevard**

**13-3893191**  
**(IRS Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

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**Franklin, Tennessee 37067**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (615) 465-7000**

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On December 9, 2015, H. James Williams, Ph.D., was elected as a director to the Company's board of directors and accepted this appointment. His term will expire at the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Prior to such appointment, the Company's board of directors increased the number of directors of the Company from eight to nine. Dr. Williams has not yet been appointed to any committees of the board of directors.

Dr. Williams will receive compensation as a non-employee director in accordance with the Company's non-employee director compensation program described in the Company's proxy statement filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 3, 2015. There is no arrangement or understanding pursuant to which Dr. Williams was selected as a director, and the Company has no related party transactions with Dr. Williams or any of his related persons that would require disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

On December 9, 2015, the Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of Dr. Williams. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

99.1 Community Health Systems, Inc. Press Release, dated December 9, 2015

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 9, 2015

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Wayne T. Smith  
Wayne T. Smith  
Chairman of the Board and Chief  
Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

By: /s/ W. Larry Cash  
W. Larry Cash  
President of Financial Services, Chief  
Financial Officer and Director  
(principal financial officer)