

Fordham Benjamin C  
Form 4  
August 14, 2018

**FORM 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Fordham Benjamin C

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)  
08/14/2018

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
EVP and General Counsel

FRANKLIN, TN 37210

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
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\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                   | Amount                                                                                                             | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                     | Price                                                                          |           |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 08/14/2018                              |                                                             | P                                    |                                                                     | 10,000                                                                                                             | A                                                                    | \$<br>3.156<br>(1)                                                             | 120,629 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)

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5.<br>Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V (A) (D)                                                                                                             | Date Exercisable<br>Expiration<br>Date                         | Title<br>Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Share                         |
| Performance<br>Based<br>Restricted                  | \$ 0                                                                  |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | 03/01/2020 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/28/2027                           | Common<br>Stock 20,000                                              |
| Performance<br>Based<br>Restricted                  | \$ 0                                                                  |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                       | 03/01/2021 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/28/2028                           | Common<br>Stock 35,000                                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                     | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Fordham Benjamin C<br>4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD<br>FRANKLIN, TN 37210 | EVP and<br>General<br>Counsel    |

## Signatures

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for Benjamin C.  
Fordham

08/14/2018

\*\*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) These shares were purchased in a series of transactions at a weighted average sales price of approximately \$3.156 per share.
- The vesting of these performance-based restricted shares is subject to the attainment of certain performance objectives between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2019 (the "2017-2019 Performance Period"). The target number (100%) of the total performance-based restricted shares is reported in the table set forth above. Between 0% and 200% of the target number of performance-based restricted shares subject to the attainment of the applicable performance objectives will ultimately vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, with the vesting percentage to be determined based upon achievement with respect to the applicable criteria during the 2017-2019 Performance Period.
- (2) The vesting of these performance-based restricted shares is subject to the attainment of certain performance objectives between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2020 (the "2018-2020 Performance Period"). The target number (100%) of the total performance-based restricted shares is reported in the table set forth above. Between 0% and 200% of the target number of performance-based restricted shares subject to the attainment of the applicable performance measures will ultimately vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, with the vesting percentage to be determined based upon achievement with respect to the applicable criteria during the 2018-2020 Performance

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