

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC  
Form 8-K  
April 19, 2004

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## 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

April 19, 2004

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)

### COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

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

**001-15925**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-3893191**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**155 Franklin Road, Suite 400**  
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (615) 373-9600

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#### ITEM 12. Results of Operations And Financial Condition.

The following information is being furnished pursuant to Item 12, "Results of Operations and Financial Condition." Consequently, it is not deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. It may only be incorporated by reference in another filing under the Exchange Act or Securities Act of 1933 if such subsequent filing specifically references this Form 8-K. On April 18, 2004, Community Health Systems, Inc. (the "Company"), announced operating results for the quarter ended March 31, 2004. A copy of the related press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

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#### SIGNATURES

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 thereunto duly authorized.

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COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ WAYNE T. SMITH

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Wayne T. Smith  
Chairman of the Board,  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

By: /s/ W. LARRY CASH

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W. Larry Cash  
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer  
and Director  
(principal financial officer)

By: /s/ T. MARK BUFORD

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T. Mark Buford  
Vice President and Corporate Controller  
(principal accounting officer)

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<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated April 18, 2004

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