PORTACCI MICHAEL T
Form 4
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# FORM 4

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

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PORTACCI MICHAEL T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD

(Street)

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/25/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Division President, Group Ops

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 07/25/2008 | | M | | 15,000 | A | $ 0 | 121,709 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/25/2008 | | F | | 7,418 | D | $ 34.7 | 114,291 | 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 |
| Performance Based Restricted Stock | $ 0 | 07/25/2008 | | M | | | 15,000 | (1) | (1) | Common Stock | 15,0 |
| Performance Based Restricted Stock | $ 0 | | | | | | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 35,0 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | $ 40.41 | | | | | | | 07/25/2007 | 07/25/2015 | Common Stock | 100, |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | $ 32.28 | | | | | | | 02/27/2009 | 02/27/2018 | Common Stock | 20,0 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | $ 20.3 | | | | | | | 05/22/2004 | 05/22/2013 | Common Stock | 0 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | $ 32.37 | | | | | | | 02/28/2006 | 02/28/2013 | Common Stock | 0 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | $ 38.3 | | | | | | | 03/01/2007 | 03/01/2014 | Common Stock | 0 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | $ 37.21 | | | | | | | 02/28/2008 | 02/28/2015 | Common Stock | 10,0 |

# Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PORTACCI MICHAEL T<br>4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD<br>FRANKLIN, TN 37067 | | | Division President, Group Ops | |

# Signatures

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| Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact for Michael T. Portacci | 07/29/2008 |
| **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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**(1)** The performance objectives governing 50% of these shares of Restricted Stock have been met, and, accordingly, these shares will now be reported in Table 1 as directly owned shares of Restricted Stock. The restrictions lapse on 50% (1/2) of the shares on the first anniversary of the date of grant, and, provided the performance objectives for the second 1/2 are met, 50% (1/2) on the second anniversary of the date of grant (7/25/2007).

**(2)** Each performance based restricted share represents a contingent right to receive one share of CYH common stock. There are two elements to the lapsing of the restriction; first, the Company must achieve specified targeted amount of earnings per share from continuing operations, and if the performance objective is met, the vesting restrictions will lapse in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.

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