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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 * 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	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/14/2018	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specification) below) EVP and General Counsel		
(Street) FRANKLIN, TN 37210	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-D	Derivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly 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 ior(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
C			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	08/14/2018		P	10,000	A	3.156 (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 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	3		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0					03/01/2020(2)	02/28/2027	Common Stock	20,000
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0					03/01/2021(3)	02/28/2028	Common Stock	35,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Fordham Benjamin C 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD FRANKLIN, TN 37210			EVP and General 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.
- (3) 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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