

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 24, 2011

**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  
February 24, 2011  
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.)

4000 Meridian Boulevard  
Franklin, Tennessee 37067  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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

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ITEM 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On February 24, 2011, Community Health Systems, Inc. (the Company) announced operating results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2010. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

ITEM 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

The press release referred to in Item 2.02 above also includes an update of the Company's previous 2011 guidance. The 2011 guidance reaffirms the Company's previous annual earnings guidance provided on October 27, 2010, as updated to reflect historical results through December 31, 2010, with certain additional details provided and changes to the assumptions used in connection with the guidance as set forth on pages 13, 14 and 15 of the press release. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are furnished herewith:

99.1 Community Health Systems, Inc. Press Release dated February 24, 2011.

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.

Date: February 24, 2011

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.  
(Registrant)

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

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

By: /s/ T. Mark Buford  
T. Mark Buford  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Accounting Officer  
(principal accounting officer)

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