

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC  
Form 8-K  
May 21, 2009

**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  
May 21, 2009 (May 19, 2009)  
Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)**

**COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.**  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

**Delaware**

**001-15925**

**13-3893191**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(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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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(e) At the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Community Health Systems, Inc. (the Company ) held on May 19, 2009, the Company s stockholders approved the Company s 2000 Stock Option and Award Plan, amended and restated as of March 24, 2009 (the 2000 Option Plan ), the Company s 2004 Employee Performance Incentive Plan, amended and restated as of March 24, 2009 (the Incentive Plan ) and the Company s 2009 Stock Option and Award Plan (the 2009 Option Plan and, together with the 2000 Option Plan and the Incentive Plan, the Plans ). The Plans had previously been approved by the Company s Board of Directors, subject to stockholder approval. Descriptions of the material terms of the Plans were included the Company s Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 10, 2009, which descriptions are incorporated herein by reference.

**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: May 21, 2009

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)