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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 December 3, 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 8.01. Other Events

On December 3, 2004, Community Health Systems, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release concerning the commencement of an offering of \$250 million aggregate principal amount of senior subordinated notes in an unregistered offering pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference into this Item 8.01 as if fully set forth herein.

#### ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit

99.1 Text of press release dated December 3, 2004

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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.

Date: December 3, 2004

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) QuickLinks

**SIGNATURES**