Ely James S. III Form 4 March 02, 2018

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ely James S. III			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last) 4000 MERIDI	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2018	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
(Street) FRANKLIN, TN 37067			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		
(City) (State) (7in)				Person		

(City)	(State) (A	Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities nAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/01/2018		M	1,429	A	\$ 0 (1)	52,626	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2018		M	4,495	A	\$ 0 (1)	57,121	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2018		M	6,166	A	\$ 0 (1)	63,287	D	
Common Stock							4,990	I	By E5 Investors LLC

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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Am Underlying Sect (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A N Sl
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	03/01/2018		M		1,429	03/01/2016	02/28/2025	Common Stock	
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	03/01/2018		M		4,495	03/01/2017	02/28/2026	Common Stock	
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	03/01/2018		M		6,166	03/01/2018	02/28/2027	Common Stock	
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	03/01/2018		A	37,118		03/01/2019(2)	02/28/2028	Common Stock	
Stock Units (SU)	\$ 0						(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Ely James S. III 4000 MERIDIAN BLVD FRANKLIN, TN 37067	X							
Signatures								

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for James S. Ely 03/02/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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) The security converts to common stock on a one-to-one basis.
- (2) The Restricted Stock Units vest in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary date of the date of grant. Upon vesting, the Reporting Person will be issued that number of shares of the Common Stock of the Company.
- (3) The Stock Units were accrued under the Company's Directors' Fees Deferral Plan in lieu of a portion of the Reporting Person's Director Fees and are settled 100% in the Company's common stock upon cessation as a director or upon a date specified by the director.

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