

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC
Form 8-K
July 31, 2014

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

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): July 31, 2014

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-15925
(Commission

File Number)
4000 Meridian Boulevard

13-3893191
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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Franklin, Tennessee 37067

(Address of principal executive offices)

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

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- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

The information contained in this Form 8-K (including the exhibits hereto) shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in any such filing.

ITEM 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On July 31, 2014, Community Health Systems, Inc. (the Company) announced operating results for its second fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2014. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.02.

ITEM 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

The press release referred to in Item 2.02 above also includes the Company's updated 2014 annual earnings guidance. The 2014 guidance is based on the Company's historical operating performance, current trends and other assumptions, including with respect to the Company's acquisition of Health Management Associates, Inc., that the Company believes are reasonable at this time as set forth on pages 15, 16, 17 and 18 of the press release. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

| Exhibit Number | Description |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 99.1 SIGNATURES | Community Health Systems, Inc. Press Release, dated July 31, 2014. |

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: July 31, 2014

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

(Registrant)

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

By: /s/ W. Larry Cash
W. Larry Cash

President of Financial Services, Chief Financial
Officer and Director
(principal financial officer)

By: /s/ Kevin J. Hammons
Kevin J. Hammons
Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting
Officer
(principal accounting officer)

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