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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Smith Patton Paul			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) (First) (Middle) 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2018	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specif below) Division President		
ED ANIZI INI	(Street)		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 		
FRANKLIN, TN 37067				Person		

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			of (D)	3		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/01/2018		A	30,000 (1)	A	\$0	98,369	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2018		F	4,952	D	\$ 4.58	93,417	D	

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0	03/01/2018		A	30,000	03/01/2021(2)	02/28/2028	Common Stock	30
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.32					02/24/2011	02/23/2020	Common Stock	1
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.38					02/23/2012	02/22/2021	Common Stock	1
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.49					02/16/2013	02/15/2022	Common Stock	1
Performance Based Restricted	\$ 0					03/01/2020(3)	02/28/2027	Common Stock	20

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Smith Patton Paul 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD FRANKLIN, TN 37067			Division President				
Signatures							

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for Patton Paul Smith 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 time-vesting restrictions on this award of restricted stock will lapse in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.
 - The vesting of 50% of these performance-based restricted shares is subject to the attainment of a pre-determined level of Cumulative Same-Store Adjusted EBITDA Growth between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2020 (the "2018-2020 Performance Period"). The vesting of the remaining 50% of these performance-based restricted shares is subject to the attainment of a pre-determined level of
- (2) Cumulative Same-Store Adjusted EBITDA Margin Improvement for the 2018-2020 Performance Period. The target number (100%) of the total performance-based restricted shares is reported in the table set forth above. Between 0% and 200% of the target number of performance-based restricted shares subject to the attainment of the Cumulative Same-Store Adjusted EBITDA Growth and Cumulative Same-Store Adjusted EBITDA Margin Improvement criteria, as applicable, will ultimately vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, with the vesting percentage to be determined based upon achievement with respect to the
 - The vesting of these performance-based restricted shares is subject to the attainment of certain performance objectives between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2019 (the "2017-2019 Performance Period"). The target number (100%) of the total performance-based restricted shares is reported in the table set forth above. Petween 0% and 200% of the target number of performance based restricted shares subject.
- shares is reported in the table set forth above. Between 0% and 200% of the target number of performance-based restricted shares subject to the attainment of the applicable performance objectives will ultimately vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, with the vesting percentage to be determined based upon achievement with respect to the applicable criteria during the 2017-2019 Performance Period.

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