CLERICO JOHN A

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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Indirect

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CLERICO JOHN A Symbol

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD

02/25/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

4. Securities

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

40,000

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)

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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 conf 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.03					02/25/2004	02/25/2013	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.95					01/02/2005	01/02/2014	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.71					01/03/2006	01/03/2015	Common Stock	5,000
Phantom Stock	\$ 18.18 (1)	02/25/2009	02/25/2009	A	7,151	02/25/2010(1)	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	7,151

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
CLERICO JOHN A 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD FRANKLIN, TN 37067	X					

Signatures

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact for John Clerico 02/27/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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 Phantom Stock Award vests in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant. Upon vesting, the holder will be issued that number of shares of Common stock of the Company.

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