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FORM 4

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

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1(b).

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Aaron Thomas J

(First) (Middle)

4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD

(Street)

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol **COMMUNITY HEALTH**

SYSTEMS INC [CYH] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

EVP and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

| (City) | (State) (| Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative S | Securi | ties Acq | uired, Disposed o | of, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|------------------|--|--|---|----------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2018 | | A | 50,000 (1) | A | \$0 | 265,220 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2018 | | F | 1,015 | D | \$ 4.58 | 264,205 | 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of of 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 | 50,000 | 03/01/2021(2) | 02/28/2028 | Common Stock | 50 |
| Performance Based Restricted | \$ 0 | | | | | 03/01/2020(3) | 02/28/2027 | Common Stock | 12 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Aaron Thomas J 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD FRANKLIN, TN 37067 | | | EVP and CFO | | | |

Signatures

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney in Fact for Thomas J Aaron

03/02/2018 Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- 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 **(1)** 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
- 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

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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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