

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC

Form 8-K

April 26, 2012

**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

April 26, 2012

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)

**COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission File  
Number)  
**4000 Meridian Boulevard**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**Franklin, Tennessee 37067**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. 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))

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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 April 26, 2012, Community Health Systems, Inc. (the Company) announced operating results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2012. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this 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 2012 annual earnings guidance. The 2012 guidance is based on the Company's historical operating performance, current trends and other assumptions that the Company believes are reasonable at this time as set forth on pages 12, 13 and 14 of this press release. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01.

### ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

#### (d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are furnished herewith:

99.1 Community Health Systems, Inc. Press Release, dated April 26, 2012.

#### SIGNATURES

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 26, 2012

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

(Registrant)

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

By: /s/ W. Larry Cash  
W. Larry Cash  
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer  
and Director  
(principal financial officer)

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

Index to Exhibits

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