

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC  
Form 8-K  
October 21, 2015

**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**

**October 21, 2015**

**Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)**

**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)**

**13-3893191**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

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**4000 Meridian Boulevard**

**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))

The information contained in this Current Report on 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 October 21, 2015, Community Health Systems, Inc. (the Company ) announced its preliminary results of operations for the third quarter ended September 30, 2015. 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 selected changes to the Company s 2015 updated annual earnings guidance. 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 exhibits are furnished herewith:

99.1 Community Health Systems, Inc. Press Release, dated October 21, 2015.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 21, 2015

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)

Index to Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Description   |
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