

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC  
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In its Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Community Health Systems, Inc. (the "Company") to be held on May 19, 2009, the Company described Change in Control Severance Agreements that it had entered into with its officers. Management of the Company intends to recommend to the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors that future change in control severance agreements not contain tax gross-up provisions, and that in the event the existing agreements are materially modified or amended, the tax gross-up provisions will be deleted. The Company expects the Compensation Committee to consider these recommendations in conjunction with the Board of Directors meeting to be held on May 19, 2009.