

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC  
Form 8-K  
September 16, 2010

**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  
September 16, 2010 (September 15, 2010)  
Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)  
COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)**

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

001-15925  
(Commission File Number)

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

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))
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**ITEM 8.01 Other Events**

On September 16, 2010, the Company announced an open market share repurchase program of up to four million (4,000,000) shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$.01 per share, not to exceed total purchases under the program of \$100,000,000.

The Company issued a press release on September 16, 2010, making this announcement; a copy of this press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report and is incorporated by reference into this Item 8.01.

**ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits.

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Description</b> |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated September 16, 2010 (Share Repurchase Program) |
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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: September 16, 2010

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)