

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC

Form 8-K

September 14, 2007

**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 14, 2007 (September 12, 2007)  
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

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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 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

On September 12, 2007, the Board of Directors of Community Health Systems, Inc. (the Company ), amended Article V of its by-laws to incorporate the requirement of the New York Stock Exchange that listed companies participate in the direct registration system administered by The Depository Trust Company. This requirement in turn requires that the holders of the Company s stock be permitted to elect to have their shares held in book-entry form rather than in certificate form. On that same date, the Board of Directors of the Company also adopted a resolution that allows holders of the Company s Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, to hold their shares in book-entry form.

**ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit 3(ii).1 Amended and Restated By-Laws of Community Health Systems, Inc. (as of September 12, 2007)

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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 14, 2007

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)