

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC

Form 8-K

November 01, 2017

**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**

**Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): November 1, 2017**

**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)**  
**4000 Meridian Boulevard**

**13-3893191**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**

**Identification No.)**

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**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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))  
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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 November 1, 2017, Community Health Systems, Inc. (the Company) announced operating results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2017. 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 the Company's updated 2017 annual earnings guidance. The 2017 guidance is based on the Company's historical operating performance, current trends and other assumptions the Company believes are reasonable at this time as set forth on pages 18, 19, 20 and 21 of the press release. 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 exhibit is furnished herewith:

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	<u>Community Health Systems, Inc. Press Release, dated November 1, 2017.</u>

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: November 1, 2017

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/ Thomas J. Aaron  
Thomas J. Aaron  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(principal financial officer)

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