

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC

Form 8-K

November 16, 2006

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**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  
November 16, 2006  
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.)

7100 Commerce Way, Suite 100  
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027  
(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))
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The information contained in this 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 (the Securities Act ), or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in any such filing.

ITEM 8.01 Other Events

On November 16, 2006, Community Health Systems, Inc. ( the Company ) announced plans to explore syndicating a new incremental Term Loan of approximately \$300 million and to explore various amendments to its existing credit agreement. The Company offers no assurances that it will proceed with this proposed financing or as to its terms. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibits

The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

99.1 Community Health Systems, Inc. Press Release dated November 16, 2006.

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: November 16, 2006

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)

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