

Mail Stop 4720

August 13, 2009

Wayne T. Smith  
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Community Health Systems, Inc.  
4000 Meridian Boulevard  
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**Re: Community Health Systems, Inc.  
Form 10-K  
Filed February 27, 2009  
Response filed June 12, 2009  
File No. 001-15925**

Dear Mr. Smith:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

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