

NATIONWIDE HEALTH PROPERTIES INC  
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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 PASQUALE DOUGLAS M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 NATIONWIDE HEALTH PROPERTIES INC [NHP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 610 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE,  
 SUITE 1150  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/12/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President & CEO

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	05/12/2010		M		12,000 A \$ 21.29	375,008.26	D
Common Stock	05/12/2010		M		29,829 A \$ 25.4	404,837.26	D
Common Stock <sup>(3)</sup>	05/12/2010		F		34,387 D \$ 36.35	370,450.26	D
Common Stock						1,852	I
						5,500	I

By  
 Second Son <sup>(1)</sup>

Common  
Stock

By Wife's  
IRA <sup>(2)</sup>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options - Right to Buy	\$ 21.29	05/12/2010		M	12,000	10/19/2005 <sup>(4)</sup> 10/19/2015	Common Stock	12,000
Employee Stock Options - Right to Buy	\$ 25.4	05/12/2010		M	29,829	02/10/2010 02/10/2019	Common Stock	29,829

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PASQUALE DOUGLAS M 610 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, SUITE 1150 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Douglas M.  
Pasquale 05/20/2010

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares held indirectly by such reporting person's second son, of which,

- (1) 1,352 shares are held through an IRA account (amount includes 122 shares not previously reported acquired through NHP DRIP program) and 500 shares are held through a custodial account.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares held indirectly by such reporting person's wife.
- (3) Shares withheld by NHP to cover exercise price of stock options exercised and tax withholding due in connection with the gain on non-qualified stock options exercised.
- (4) The options became exercisable in three tranches on October 19, 2005, October 19, 2006 and October 19, 2007.

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