

NATIONWIDE HEALTH PROPERTIES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/30/2010

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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock <sup>(4)</sup>	01/30/2010		M		1,140.02	D	\$ 33.28
Common Stock <sup>(5)</sup>	01/30/2010		F		9,426	D	\$ 33.28
Common Stock							1,900
						I	By First Son's IRA <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock							1,730
						I	By Second Son <sup>(2)</sup>

Common Stock		5,500	I	By Wife's IRA <sup>(3)</sup>
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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 33.28	01/30/2010		M	20,192	01/30/2010 01/30/2010	Common Stock	20,192

## 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 02/19/2010

\_\_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).
- (1) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares held indirectly by such reporting person's first son.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares held indirectly by such reporting person's second son.
- (3) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares held indirectly by such reporting person's wife.

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- An aggregate of 20,192 shares were issued in settlement of an award of stock appreciation rights (SARs). Acquisitions of an aggregate of 21,332.02 shares were previously credited and reported as dividend equivalents relating to the SARs. As a result of a decline in the fair market value of the common stock between the grant date and the payment date of the SARs, the aggregate number of shares issued at settlement was less than the number previously credited as dividend equivalents. This difference is reflected in this report as a disposition.
- (4)
- (5) Shares withheld to cover tax withholding due in connection with the vesting of the SARs.

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