

NATIONWIDE HEALTH PROPERTIES INC  
Form 8-K  
December 09, 2009

**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): December 9, 2009**

**NATIONWIDE HEALTH PROPERTIES, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

**1-9028**  
(Commission

File Number)

**95-3997619**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**610 Newport Center Drive, Suite 1150**

**Newport Beach, California**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**92660**  
(ZIP Code)

**(949) 718-4400**

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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- .. Pre-commencements communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On December 9, 2009, Nationwide Health Properties, Inc. (the Company) filed a prospectus supplement to its Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR (File No. 333-142643) relating to the Company's possible issuance of up to 300,000 shares of the Company's common stock in exchange for up to 201,168 Class A Partnership Units of NHP/PMB L.P. issued on December 1 and December 23, 2008, which may be tendered for redemption in accordance with the agreement of limited partnership of NHP/PMB L.P. In connection therewith, the Company is filing as exhibits to this report the opinion of Venable LLP with respect to the validity of the shares of common stock that may be so issued, and the opinion of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP as to certain tax matters.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
5.1	Opinion of Venable LLP
8.1	Opinion of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
23.1	Consent of Venable LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)
23.2	Consent of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP (included in Exhibit 8.1)

**SIGNATURE**

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.

NATIONWIDE HEALTH PROPERTIES, INC.

Date: December 9, 2009

By: /s/ Abdo H. Khoury  
Name: Abdo H. Khoury  
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial & Portfolio  
Officer

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