

NATIONWIDE HEALTH PROPERTIES INC  
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**FORM 4**

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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)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/29/2008

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  
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(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	(D)	Price
Common Stock <sup>(4)</sup>	12/29/2008		F		4,271.28	D	\$ 26.03
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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## 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

Douglas M. Pasquale 01/15/2009

\*\*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, of which 1,230 shares are held through an IRA account and 500 shares are held through a custodial account.
- (3) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares held indirectly by such reporting person's wife.
- (4) Shares withheld by NHP to cover tax withholding due in connection with the vesting of restricted stock units previously awarded.
- (5) 8,568.64 stock units were credited as dividend equivalents in 2008 with respect to certain outstanding and unpaid stock units held by the reporting person. Each such stock unit represents a right to receive one share of NHP common stock and is subject to the same vesting

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and payment terms as the underlying stock units to which it relates.

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