

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)  
 03/31/2010

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)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount or Price					
Common Stock	03/31/2010		A		1,834.55 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0	359,071.26	D	
Common Stock	04/01/2010		M		3,937	A	\$ 25.4	363,008.26	D	
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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options - Right to Buy	\$ 25.4	04/01/2010		M	3,937	02/10/2010 02/10/2019	Common Stock	3,937

## 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 04/01/2010

\*\*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).

Stock units credited as dividend equivalents with respect to a certain outstanding and unpaid award held by the reporting person. Each (1) such stock unit is subject to the same vesting and payment terms as the underlying award to which it relates. Each stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock.

(2)

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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.

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