

NATIONWIDE HEALTH PROPERTIES INC  
Form 8-K  
November 18, 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): November 18, 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.)

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**610 Newport Center Drive, Suite 1150**

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

**92660**  
(ZIP Code)

**(949) 718-4400**

**(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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 November 18, 2009, Nationwide Health Properties, Inc. (the Company ) distributed a notice to the participants in its Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan (the Plan ), announcing that the optional cash purchase component of the Plan has been suspended, effective November 27, 2009. This suspension will remain in effect until further notice. Participants in the Plan will still be able to purchase additional shares of Common Stock by automatically reinvesting all or any part of the cash dividends paid on their shares of common stock. A copy of the Company s notice to participants is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Notice to Plan Participants.

**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: November 18, 2009

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

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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