

SHEEHAN JOHN J JR
 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 *
 SHEEHAN JOHN J JR

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)
 12/14/2005

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. Inv. Ofc. & Vice President

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2005 | | M | | 10,000 | A | \$ 21 21,713 D |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2005 | | S | | 5,700 | D | \$ 22.25 16,013 D |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2005 | | S | | 100 | D | \$ 22.23 15,913 D |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2005 | | S | | 1,100 | D | \$ 22.32 14,813 D |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2005 | | S | | 3,100 | D | \$ 22.32 11,713 D |

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|--------------|-------|---|-----------------------|
| Common Stock | 1,658 | I | UTMA for Children (1) |
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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. Nu... Deriv... Secur... Bene... Own... Follo... Repo... Trans... (Instr... |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SHEEHAN JOHN J JR 610 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, SUITE 1150 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 | | | Sr. Inv. Ofc. & Vice President | |

Signatures

/s/ John J. Sheehan 12/15/2005

**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 in an UTMA account for the benefit of his children
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