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): October 22, 2003

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 92660-6429

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (949) 718-4400

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Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On October 22, 2003, we issued a press release, which sets forth our results of operations for the quarter ended September 30, 2003. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by this reference.

Such information shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act), and is not incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

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SIGNATURES

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: October 22, 2003 By: /s/ Mark L. Desmond

Name: Mark L. Desmond
Title: Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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