

Balzofiore Gary
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Balzofiore Gary | | (Month/Day/Year) | INDEPENDENCE HOLDING CO [IHC] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| 485 MADISON AVENUE,Â 14TH FLOOR | | 01/07/2019 | (Check all applicable) | |
| (Street) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10022 | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | (give title below) | (specify below) |
| | | | SVP Specialty Health Ops | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 30,372 | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | Amount or Number of Shares | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------|---|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (1) | 12/01/2021 | Common Stock | 10,000 | \$ 19.95 | D | Â |
| Stock Appreciation Right | Â (2) | 11/16/2022 | Common Stock | 8,800 | \$ 27.65 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (3) | 07/04/2022 | Common Stock | 44,000 | \$ 37.38 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Balzofiore Gary 485 MADISON AVENUE 14TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022 | Â | Â | Â SVP Specialty Health Ops | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Gary
Balzofiore

01/11/2019

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Vests 1/3 on each of the first three annual anniversaries of the grant date of December 1, 2016.
- (2) Vests 1/3 on each of the first three annual anniversaries of the grant date of November 16, 2017.
- (3) Vests 1/3 on each of the first three annual anniversaries of the grant date of January 4, 2019.

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