

NATIONWIDE HEALTH PROPERTIES INC  
Form 8-K  
March 30, 2011

**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): March 30, 2011**

**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**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**92660**

(Zip Code)

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

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications 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-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On March 30, 2011, 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 Plan has been suspended in accordance with its terms, effective March 31, 2011. This suspension will remain in effect until further notice. A copy of the Company’s notice to participants is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Exhibit No.		Description
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: March 30, 2011

By: /s/ Abdo H. Khoury

Name: Abdo H. Khoury

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief

Financial & Portfolio Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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