

NATIONWIDE HEALTH PROPERTIES INC  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RUSH JEFFREY (Last) (First) (Middle)  610 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, SUITE 1150 (Street)  NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2008	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NATIONWIDE HEALTH PROPERTIES INC [NHP]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	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
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**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)
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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 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)  Date Exercisable      Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  Title      Amount or Number of Shares	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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(Instr. 5)

Class A Partnership Units	04/02/2009	Â (3)	Common Stock	462,724 (1)	\$ (2)	I	By J&L Rush Family Partnership
Class A Partnership Units	05/02/2009	Â (3)	Common Stock	71,452 (1)	\$ (2)	I	By J&L Rush Family Partnership
Class A Partnership Units	05/30/2009	Â (3)	Common Stock	85,839 (1)	\$ (2)	I	By J&L Rush Family Partnership
Class A Partnership Units	04/02/2009	Â (3)	Common Stock	36,284 (1)	\$ (2)	I	By Rush Family Trust
Class A Partnership Units	05/02/2009	Â (3)	Common Stock	64,405 (1)	\$ (2)	I	By Rush Family Trust
Class A Partnership Units	04/02/2009	Â (3)	Common Stock	12,414 (1)	\$ (2)	I	By JED GP

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RUSH JEFFREY 610 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE SUITE 1150 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey L. Rush 08/11/2008

\_\_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).

The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these securities in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(1) The Class A Partnership Units were issued by NHP/PMB, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership. In accordance with NHP/PMB, L.P.'s Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership, after a one year holding period, Class A Partnership Units are exchangeable for cash or, at the general partner's option, shares of the issuer's common stock, initially on a one-for-one basis.

(3) There is no expiration date associated with these Class A Partnership Units.

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