

HOWATT JAMES W  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
HOWATT JAMES W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MOLINA HEALTHCARE INC  
[MOH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

2277 FAIR OAKS BOULEVARD,  
SUITE 440

02/09/2009

Chief Medical Officer

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

SACRAMENTO, CA 95825

\_X\_ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/09/2009		F(1)	237 D \$ 19.37	17,317 (2)	D	

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)**

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Purchase)	\$ 29.77					02/09/2007 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/09/2016	Common Stock	3,350
Stock Options (Right to Purchase)	\$ 31.32					03/01/2008 <sup>(4)</sup> 03/01/2017	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to Purchase)	\$ 32.01					05/29/2008 <sup>(5)</sup> 05/29/2017	Common Stock	9,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOWATT JAMES W 2277 FAIR OAKS BOULEVARD, SUITE 440 SACRAMENTO, CA 95825			Chief Medical Officer	

## Signatures

Jeff D. Barlow, by power of attorney for James W. Howatt. 02/11/2009

\*\*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) In connectin with the vesting of 550 shares, 237 shares were applied to withholding taxes at the share closing price on 2/9/2009 of \$19.37.
- (2) 3,050 of the shares vest in one-quarter increments on each of 5/29/2008, 5/29/2009, 5/29/2010, and 5/29/2011. 12,200 of the shares vest in one-quarter increments on each of 3/1/2009, 3/1/2010, 3/1/2011, and 3/1/2012. The remainder of the shares are fully vested.

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- (3) The options vest in one-third increments on each of 2/9/2007, 2/9/2008, and 2/9/2009.
- (4) The options vest in one-quarter increments on each of 3/1/2008, 3/1/2009, 3/1/2010, and 3/1/2011.
- (5) The options vest in one-quarter increments on each of 5/29/2008, 5/29/2009, 5/29/2010, and 5/29/2011.

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