HOWATT JAMES W Form 4 July 02, 2008

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(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) 2277 FAIR (SUITE 440	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/30/2008	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chief Medical Officer		
(Street) SACRAMENTO, CA 95825			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities A	canired Disposed of or Beneficially Owned		

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties A	cquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or D	ispose	d of (D)	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					()		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common			Couc v	7 Hillount	(D)	Φ			
Common Stock	06/30/2008		A(1)	645	A	э 24.34	17,554 <u>(2)</u>	D	
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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 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Purchase)	\$ 29.77					02/09/2007(3)	02/09/2016	Common Stock	3,350
Stock Options (Right to Purchase)	\$ 31.32					03/01/2008(4)	03/01/2017	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to Purchase)	\$ 32.01					05/29/2008(5)	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

Deletionship

Signatures

Jeff D. Barlow, by power of attorney for James W. Howatt. 07/02/2008

**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) The shares were acquired under the Molina Healthcare, Inc. 2002 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
 - 550 shares vest on 2/9/2009. 3,050 of the shares vest in one-quarter increments on each of 5/29/2008, 5/29/2009, 5/29/2010, and
- (2) 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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