**HOWATT JAMES W** Form 4

### March 03, 2009 FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

SUITE 440

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* **HOWATT JAMES W** 

(First)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

MOLINA HEALTHCARE INC [MOH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2009

2277 FAIR OAKS BOULEVARD.

(Middle)

(Zip)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Medical Officer

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

SACRAMENTO, CA 95825

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative (	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y 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. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/01/2009		A <u>(1)</u>	12,200	A	\$ 0 \$	29,517 <u>(2)</u>	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2009		F	1,431	D	18.73 (3)	28,086	D	

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# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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. onNumber 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)	
				Code V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Purchase)	\$ 29.77					<u>(4)</u>	02/09/2016	Common Stock	3,350
Stock Options (Right to Purchase)	\$ 31.32					03/01/2008(5)	03/01/2017	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to Purchase)	\$ 32.01					05/29/2008(6)	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.

03/03/2009

\*\*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).

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Annual grant of restricted shares under the Molina Healthcare, Inc. 2002 Equity Incentive Plan. The shares vest in one-quarter increments on each of 3/1/2010, 3/1/2011, 3/1/2012, and 3/1/2013.

- In addition to the shares vesting as noted above, increments of 762 shares vest on each of 5/29/2009, 5/29/2010, and 5/29/2011;
- (2) increments of 625 shares vest on each of 3/1/2010 and 3/1/2011; and increments of 3,050 shares vest on each of 3/1/2010, 3/1/2011, and 3/1/2012. The remainder of the shares are vested.
- (3) Represents the closing sale price of our common stock on Friday, February 27, 2009. In connection with the vesting of 3,675 shares on 3/1/09, the reporting person surrendered 1,431 shares in payment of the taxes associated with the vested shares.
- (4) The options are fully vested.
- (5) 1,000 of the options are vested; increments of 500 options vest on each of 3/1/2010 and 3/1/2011.
- (6) 2,250 of the options are vested; increments of 2,250 options vest on each of 5/29/2009, 5/29/2010, and 5/29/2011.

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