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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DESAI AMIR	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
	MOLINA HEALTHCARE INC [MOH]			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)		
200 OCEANGATE, SUITE 100	08/25/2009	Chief Information Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original			
	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
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(City)	(State)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative (Secur	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securit			5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect	
(Instr. 3)	•	any	Code	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		(A) or		Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
_			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price				
Common Stock	08/25/2009		F	191	D	\$ 20.2 (1)	14,357	D		
Common Stock	08/26/2009		S	824	D	\$ 20.55	13,533 (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)

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)			7. Title and 2. Underlying 3. (Instr. 3 and	Securities	3 ((
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.32					03/01/2008(3)	03/01/2017	Common Stock	2,000	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.58					08/15/2008(4)	08/15/2007	Common Stock	1,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships	
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Other

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DESAI AMIR

200 OCEANGATE, SUITE 100 LONG BEACH, CA 90802

Chief Information Officer

Signatures

Jeff D. Barlow, by power of attorney for Amir Desai.

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**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) Represents closing price on 8/25/09; in connection with the vesting of 534 shares of restricted stock on 8/25/09, the reporting person surrendered 191 shares in payment of taxes associated with the vested shares.
 - Increments of 625 shares vest on each of 3/1/2010 and 3/1/2011; increments of 750 shares vest on each of 8/15/2010 and 8/15/2011;
- (2) increments of 1,400 shares vest on each of 3/1/2010, 3/1/2011, and 3/1/2012; and increments of 1,400 shares vest on each of 3/1/2010, 3/1/2011, 3/1/2012, and 3/1/2013. The remainder of the shares are vested.
- (3) 1,000 of the options are vested; increments of 500 options vest on each of 3/1/2010 and 3/1/2011.

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(4) 500 of the options are vested; increments of 250 options vest on each of 8/15/2010 and 8/15/2011.

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