

MOLINA HEALTHCARE INC
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FORM 4

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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)
2277 FAIR OAKS BOULEVARD, SUITE 440
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
06/29/2007

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Medical Officer

SACRAMENTO, CA 95825

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 06/29/2007 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 496 A \$ 30.52 | 5,196 ⁽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 ⁽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 | |

Signatures

James W. Howatt, by Jeff D. Barlow,
Attorney-in-Fact. 07/02/2007

__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.
 - (2) 550 of the shares are fully vested. 1,100 of the shares vest in increments of 550 shares on each of 2/9/2008 and 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 5/29/2011.

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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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