HOWATT JAMES W Form 4

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(City)

(State)

(Zip)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **HOWATT JAMES W** Issuer Symbol MOLINA HEALTHCARE INC (Check all applicable) [MOH] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 2277 FAIR OAKS BOULEVARD, 03/01/2010 Chief Medical Officer SUITE 440 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SACRAMENTO, CA 95825

(City)	(State)	Tabl	le I - Non-I	erivative	Securi	ities Acqu	nred, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Dia (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	03/01/2010		A(1)	12,200	A	\$ 21.77 (2)	41,685	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2010		F(3)	2,604	D	\$ 21.77 (2)	39,081 (4)	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. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Purchase)	\$ 29.77					<u>(5)</u>	02/09/2016	Common Stock	3,350
Stock Options (Right to Purchase)	\$ 31.32					03/01/2008(6)	03/01/2017	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to Purchase)	\$ 32.01					05/29/2008(7)	05/29/2017	Common Stock	9,000

Reporting Owners

**Signature of Reporting Person

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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	V.	03/0	3/2010				

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- * 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 granted under the Molina Healthcare, Inc. 2002 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (2) Represents the closing price on Monday, March 1, 2010.
- (3) The shares were applied to the payment of withholding taxes arising in connection with the vesting of 6,725 shares on March 1, 2010.
 - Increments of 3,050 shares vest on each of 3/1/2011, 3/1/2012, 3/1/2013, and 3/1/2014; increments of 3,050 shares vest on each of
- (4) 3/1/2011, 3/1/2012, and 3/1/2013; additional increments of 3,050 shares vest on each of 3/1/2011 and 3/1/2012; increments of 762 shares vest on each of 5/29/2010 and 5/29/2011; and 625 shares vest on 3/1/2011. The remaining shares are vested.
- (5) The options are fully vested.
- (6) 1,500 of the options are vested; 500 options vest on 3/1/2011.
- (7) 4,500 of the options are vested; increments of 2,250 options vest on each of 5/29/2010, and 5/29/2011.

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