

DESAI AMIR
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
DESAI AMIR

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)
200 OCEANGATE, SUITE 100

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/28/2008

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

LONG BEACH, CA 90802

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 08/28/2008 | | S | V | \$ 31.24 | D | 11,242 ⁽¹⁾ |

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

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DESAI AMIR 200 OCEANGATE, SUITE 100 LONG BEACH, CA 90802 | | | Chief Information Officer | |

Signatures

Jeff D. Barlow, by power of attorney for Amir Desai. 08/28/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) 533 shares will vest on 8/25/09; increments of 625 shares will vest on each of 3/1/09, 3/1/10, and 3/1/11; increments of 750 shares will vest on each of 8/15/09, 8/15/10, and 8/15/11; and 5,600 shares vest in one-quarter increments on 3/1/2009, 3/1/2010, 3/1/2011, 3/1/2012. The remainder of shares are fully vested.

(2) The options vest in one-quarter increments on each of 3/1/08, 3/1/09, 3/1/10, and 3/1/11.

(3) The options vest in one-quarter increments on each of 8/15/08, 8/15/09, 8/15/10, and 8/15/11.

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