NATIONWIDE HEALTH PROPERTIES INC Form 8-K December 14, 2007

### **UNITED STATES**

### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

### FORM 8-K

### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 14, 2007

## NATIONWIDE HEALTH PROPERTIES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) 1-9028 (Commission File Number) 95-3997619 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

610 Newport Center Drive, Suite 1150

Newport Beach, California (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 92660-6429 (Zip Code)

(949) 718-4400

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

"Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 240.425)

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" Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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" Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

### ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS

On December 14, 2007, the Company entered into a Sales Agreement with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. to sell up to 5,000,000 shares of its common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, from time to time through a controlled equity offering program under which Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. will act as agent and/or principal.

A copy of the Sales Agreement is attached as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, and is incorporated by reference herein.

### **ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(d) Exhibits

#### EXHIBIT NO. **DESCRIPTION** 1.1

Sales Agreement, dated December 14, 2007, by and among the Company and Cantor Fitzgerald & Co.

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#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Nationwide Health Properties, Inc.

By:

(Registrant) /s/Abdo H. Khoury

Abdo H. Khoury Senior Vice President and

Chief Financial and Portfolio Officer

Date: December 14, 2007

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