



UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

October 7, 2010

Mr. Abdo H. Khoury  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial and Portfolio Officer  
Nationwide Health Properties, Inc  
610 Newport Center Drive, Suite 1150  
Newport Beach, California, 92660

**Re: Nationwide Health Properties, Inc  
Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009  
Filed February 18, 2010  
File No. 001-09028**

Dear Mr. Khoury:

We have completed our review of your filings and do not have any further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Kevin Woody  
Accounting Branch Chief