

Furfaro Vincent J.  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Furfaro Vincent J.		(Month/Day/Year)	INDEPENDENCE HOLDING CO [IHC]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/07/2019	
485 MADISON AVENUE,Â 14TH FLOOR			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10022			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
			SVP Corp. Development & CISO	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable      Expiration Date	Title      Amount or Number of Shares			

(Instr. 5)

Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	12/01/2021	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 19.95	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(2)</u>	09/12/2022	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 22.2	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(3)</u>	03/13/2023	Common Stock	13,000	\$ 31.3	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(4)</u>	05/06/2022	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 35.6	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Furfaro Vincent J. 485 MADISON AVENUE 14TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	Â	Â	Â SVP Corp. Development & CISO	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Vincent J.  
Furfaro

01/11/2019

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Vests 1/3 on each of the first three annual anniversaries of the grant date of December 1, 2016.
- (2) Vests 1/3 on each of the first three annual anniversaries of the grant date of September 12, 2017.
- (3) Vests 1/3 on each of the first three annual anniversaries of the grant date of March 13, 2018.
- (4) Vests 1/3 on each of the first three annual anniversaries of the grant date of November 6, 2018.

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