

MCCABE ROBERT A JR  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**MCCABE ROBERT A JR**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC [NHI]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 150 3RD AVENUE NORTH, SUITE 800

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/16/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)  
 NASHVILLE, TN 37201

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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                                                                                         |                                                          |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | Code                                                              | V                                                                                             | Amount                                                   |                                   |
| Shares Of Common Stock          | 09/16/2011                           |                                                    | G                              | V                                                                 | 1,100                                                                                         | D                                                        | <u>(1)</u> 1,097 D                |
| Shares Of Common Stock          | 09/16/2011                           |                                                    | G                              | V                                                                 | 34                                                                                            | D                                                        | <u>(2)</u> 1,063 <u>(3)</u> 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. 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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 45.58                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 02/22/2011 02/22/2016                                    | Common Stock                                                  | 15,000                                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                 | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MCCABE ROBERT A JR<br>150 3RD AVENUE NORTH<br>SUITE 800<br>NASHVILLE, TN 37201 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/Robert A. McCabe, Jr. 09/19/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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) Gifted 1,100 shares to a charitable organization.
- (2) Gifted 34 shares to a charitable organization.
- (3) Ending total includes 134 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment.

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