

NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC  
Form 8-K  
May 10, 2012

**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):

May 10, 2012 (May 10, 2012)

**NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS, INC.**  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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| <u>Maryland</u><br>(State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | <u>001-10822</u><br>(Commission<br>File No.) | <u>62-1470956</u><br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification Number) |
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222 Robert Rose Drive Murfreesboro, TN 37129  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(615) 890-9100  
(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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

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 May 10, 2012, National Health Investors issued a press release announcing its dividend for the second quarter for shareholders of record June 29, 2012. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit Index

| <b>Number</b> | <b>Exhibit</b>                    |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| 99            | Press release, dated May 10, 2012 |

**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.

**NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS, INC.**

By: /s/Roger Hopkins

Name: Roger Hopkins

Title: Principal Accounting Officer

Date:

May 10, 2012