Hopkins Roger R Form 4 February 06, 2012

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hopkins Roger R

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

NATIONAL HEALTH

INVESTORS INC [NHI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/04/2012

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title

below)

Chief Accounting Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

MURFREESBORO, TN 37129

222 ROBERT ROSE DRIVE

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative (Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Shares Of Common Stock	02/04/2012		M	2,500	A	\$ 29.24	37,629 (1)	D	
Shares Of Common Stock	02/04/2012		F	1,437	D	\$ 50.9	36,192	D	
Common Stock (restricted Stock Award)							0 (1)	D	

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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 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 I S ((
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.24	02/04/2012		M		2,500	02/04/2012	02/04/2013	Nhi Common Stock	2,500	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 46.22						02/25/2011	02/25/2016	Common Stock	16,667	
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Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.48						03/02/2012	03/02/2020	Nhi Common Stock	16,668	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 46.22						02/25/2013	02/25/2016	Common Stock	16,666	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address
Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Chief Accounting Officer

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Hopkins Roger R 222 ROBERT ROSE DRIVE MURFREESBORO, TN 37129

Signatures

/s/Roger R. 02/05/2012 Hopkins

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) 500 shares of Common Stock Restricted Shares vested February 4, 2012, and this amount was moved to Common Stock total.

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