

NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
LaRoche, Jr., Richard F.			National Health Investors, Inc. (NHI)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 03/31/2003			<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner		
2103 Shannon Drive									<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)		
(Street)			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)			7. 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			Secretary		
Murfreesboro, TN 37129											
(City) (State) (Zip)			<b>Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>								

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 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)			
Common Stock in my name and my wife's name							900	D	
Common Stock by Trustee of LaRoche Charitable Lead Trust II							25,363	I	Trustee
Common Stock by LaRoche Family L.P.							29,535	I	Family Partnership
Common Stock by Trustee of G.R.A.T.							32,951	I	Trustee
Common Stock by Shannon Associates							352,863	D	
Common Stock by LaRoche Enterprises	03/31/2003		P		4,500	A	15.00	89,656	D
Common Stock by IRA							8,208	D	

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**FORM 4 (continued) 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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Option for Shares (R. LaRoche, Jr.)	\$14.50							10/27/99	10/26/05	Common Stock	20,000	14.50		D	

Explanation of Responses:

By: /s/ **Richard F. LaRoche, Jr.**  
**Richard F. LaRoche, Jr.**  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

**April 1, 2003**  
 Date

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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