NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC Form 8-K March 07, 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):

March 6, 2012 (March 5, 2012)

NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or Other Jurisdiction <u>001-10822</u> (Commission

<u>62-1470956</u> (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File No.)

Identification Number)

222 Robert Rose Drive Murfreesboro, TN 37129 (Address of principal executive offices)

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

<u>Not Applicable</u> (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

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On March 5, 2012, National Health Investors announced it has entered into a long-term lease extension and construction commitment to Community Health Systems. 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

Number Exhibit

99 Press release, dated March 5, 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:

March 6, 2012