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NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC Form 8-K March 09, 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 9, 2012 (March 9, 2012)

NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 001-10822 62-1470956 (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer

of Incorporation) File No.) Identification Number)

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.

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| On March 9, 2012, National Health Investors issued a press release announcing its dividend for the first quarter for shareholders of record March 30, 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. |
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| Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits. |
| Exhibit Index |
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| Number Exhibit |
| 99 Press release, dated March 9, 2012 |
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| 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. |
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| By: /s/Roger Hopkins |
| Name: Roger Hopkins |
| Title: Principal Accounting Officer |

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