

NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC

Form 8-K

February 17, 2011

UNITED STATES

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): February 17, 2011 (February 17, 2011)

National Health Investors, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-10822

(Commission File No.)

62-1470956

(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

222 Robert Rose Drive

Murfreesboro, TN 37129

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(615) 890-9100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 17, 2011, National Health Investors, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing it dividend for the first quarter for shareholders of record March 31, 2011. 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 First Quarter 2011 Dividend Press Release, dated February 17, 2011
SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

National Health Investors, Inc.

By: /s/Roger R. Hopkins
Name: Roger R. Hopkins
Title: Chief Accounting Officer

Date: February 17, 2011