

NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC  
Form 8-K  
November 20, 2009

**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): November 20, 2009 (November 19, 2009)

**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)

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Item 2.01. Completion of Acquisition or Disposal of Asset .

On November 19, 2009, National Health Investors, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing it \$28.25 million purchase/leaseback transaction of five assisted living facilities with Bickford Senior Living. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit Index

<b>Number</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>
99 .1	Press release, dated November 19, 2009

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: November 20, 2009