

NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 15, 2012

**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 15, 2012 (February 15, 2012)

**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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 15, 2012, National Health Investors, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing its earnings for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2011. 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>   |
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| 99.1          | Fourth Quarter and Year End Earnings Press Release, dated February 15, 2012. |

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 15, 2012