

NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC  
Form 10-K/A  
September 27, 2010

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-K/A**

(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009

or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number 001-10822

**National Health Investors, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

62-1470956  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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

37129  
(Zip Code)

(615) 890-9100  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each Class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, \$.01 par value	New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **None**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes  No

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Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes  No

The aggregate market value of shares of common stock held by non-affiliates on June 30, 2009 (based on the closing price of these shares on the New York Stock Exchange) was approximately \$689,315,000. There were 27,629,505 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding as of February 18, 2010.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This amendment on Form 10-K/A contains only the cover page, this explanatory note, the signature page and Exhibit 31.2. The purpose of this amendment on Form 10-K/A is to file Exhibit 31.2, which was inadvertently omitted from the originally filed 10-K. When National Health Investors Inc. filed its Annual Report on Form 10-K on February 22, 2010, it accidentally filed two copies of Exhibit 31.1 and omitted Exhibit 31.2.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

/s/ Roger R. Hopkins

Roger R. Hopkins

Chief Accounting Officer

Date: September 27, 2010