

NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC  
Form 8-K  
September 10, 2004

**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): September 10, 2004 (September 9, 2004)

**National Health Investors, Inc.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

333-41863  
(Commission File No.)

62-1470956  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

100 Vine Street, Suite 1202  
Murfreesboro, TN 37130  
(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 4.01 Change in Registrant's Certifying Accountants**

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of National Health Investors, Inc. (the "Company") engaged BDO Seidman, LLP as the independent auditors of the Company to conduct the audit of the Company's financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004.

**SIGNATURES**

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 hereunto duly authorized.

National Health Investors, Inc.

By: /s/ W. Andrew Adams

Name: W. Andrew Adams

Title: Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Donald K. Daniel

Name: Donald K. Daniel

Title: Principal Accounting Officer

Date: September 10, 2004

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**EXHIBIT 16**

September 10, 2004

Securities and Exchange Commission

450 Fifth Street, N.W.

Washington, DC 20549

Gentlemen:

We have read Item 4.01 of Form 8-K dated September 10, 2004, of National Health Investors, Inc. and have no basis to agree or disagree with the statements of the registrant contained therein. We previously issued letters, dated June 15, 2004 and August 16, 2004, which were included in exhibits to Forms 8-K dated June 15, 2004 and August 16, 2004, respectively, of National Health Investors, Inc.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

## EXHIBIT 99

For Release: September 9, 2004

Contact: Gerald Coggin, VP of Investor Relations

Phone: (615) 890-9100

### NHI Board approves BDO Seidman, LLP

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - National Health Investors, Inc. (NYSE:NHI), one of the nation's largest health care real estate investment trusts, announced today the appointment of BDO Seidman, LLP as its new independent accountants, effective immediately. The decision was approved by NHI's Board of Directors upon the recommendation of its Audit Committee.

National Health Investors, Inc. is a long-term health care real estate investment trust that specializes in the financing of health care real estate by first mortgage and by purchase and leaseback transactions. The common stock of the company trades on the New York Stock Exchange with the symbol NHI. Additional information including NHI's most recent press releases may be obtained on NHI's web site at [www.nhinvestors.com](http://www.nhinvestors.com).

*Statements in this press release that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements. NHI cautions investors that any forward-looking statements made involve risks and uncertainties and are not guarantees of future performance. All forward-looking statements represent NHI's best judgment as of the date of this release.*