

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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 17, 2011, National Health Investors, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing its earnings for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2010. 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.

The information furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 herein, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit Index

**Number Exhibit**

99.1 Fourth Quarter 2010 Earnings 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

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Title: Chief Accounting Officer

Date: February 17, 2011