

LAROCHE RICHARD F JR  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
LAROCHE RICHARD F JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC [NHI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2103 SHANNON DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/28/2004

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Secretary

MURFREESBORO, TN 37129  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock in my name and my wife's name				(A) or (D)	900	D	
Common Stock by LaRoche Family L.P.				(A) or (D)	54,898	I	Family Partnership
Common Stock by Trustee of				(A) or (D)	32,951	I	Trustee

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Common Stock by LaRoche Enterprises 12/28/2004 M 6,895 A \$ 14.5 449,414 D

Common Stock by IRA 8,208 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 14.5	12/28/2004		M	6,895	10/27/1999 10/26/2005	Common Stock	20,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 16.35					04/24/2003 04/23/2008	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 23.9					04/20/2004 04/19/2009	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

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2103 SHANNON DRIVE  
MURFREESBORO, TN 37129

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Secretary

## Signatures

Richard F.  
LaRoche, Jr. 12/28/2004

  Signature of Reporting                      Date  
    Person

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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