

NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC

Form 8-K

December 12, 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): December 12, 2011 (December 8, 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 8.01. Other Events.

On December 8, 2011, National Health Investors, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing its dividend for the fourth quarter for shareholders of record 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.

Also on December 8, 2011, National Health Investors, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing a special dividend of \$.22 per share for shareholders of record December 31, 2011. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit Index

Number	Exhibit
99.1	Press release, dated December 8, 2011, titled National Health Investors Raises Dividend 5.7%
99.2	Press release, dated December 8, 2011, titled NHI Announces Special Dividend of \$.22 Per Share

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: December 12, 2011