

NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC
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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)
 100 VINE STREET, SUITE 1400
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/16/2007

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

MURFREESBORO, TN 37130
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) Price	900	D	
Common Stock by LaRoche Family L.P.				(A) or (D) Price	38,898	I	Family Partnership
Common Stock by Trustee of				(A) or (D) Price	32,951	I	Trustee

G.R.A.T.

Common
Stock by
LaRoche
Enterprises

462,519 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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(9-02)**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
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
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
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 26.78					05/03/2005 05/02/2010	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 23.79					05/02/2006 05/01/2011	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase	\$ 34.25	05/16/2007		A	15,000	05/16/2007 05/15/2012	Common Stock	15,000

