

NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 12, 2008

**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, 2008 (December 12, 2008)

**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)

750-B South Church Street

**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 8.01. Other Events.

On December 12, 2008, National Health Investors, Inc. issued a press release announcing a special dividend. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit Index

| <b>Number</b> | <b>Exhibit</b>                         |
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| 99            | Press release, dated December 12, 2008 |

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, 2008