

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 8.01. Other Events.

On February 17, 2011, National Health Investors, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing it dividend for the first quarter for shareholders of record March 31, 2011. 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

**Number Exhibit**

99 First Quarter 2011 Dividend 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  
Title: Chief Accounting Officer

Date: February 17, 2011