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NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC Form 8-K May 10, 2012

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): May 10, 2012 (May 10, 2012)

National Health Investors, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

001-10822 62-1470956

(Commission File No.) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

222 Robert Rose Drive Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37129 (Address of principal executive offices)

(615) 890-9100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 10, 2012, National Health Investors, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its earnings for the quarter ended March 31, 2012. 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.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit Index

Number Exhibit

99.1 First Quarter Earnings Press Release, dated May 10, 2012.

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: May 10, 2012