NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC Form 8-K May 11, 2012

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 11, 2012 (May 9, 2012)

NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS, INC. (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland	001-10822
(State or Other Jurisdiction	(Commission
of Incorporation)	File No.)

222 Robert Rose Drive Murfreesboro, TN 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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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62-1470956 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

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Item 2.03.

Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant

On May 9, 2012, National Health Investors, Inc. announced that it has entered into a 7-year interest rate swap agreement with a bank counterparty to fix the annual interest rate at 3.04% on the \$40 million, 7-year term loan that was included in NHI's \$320 million bank credit facility announced on May 1, 2012. The term loan had a floating interest rate of 150 basis points over LIBOR.

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 IndexNumberExhibit99Press release, dated May 9, 2012

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS, INC.

By:/s/Roger R. HopkinsName:Roger R. HopkinsTitle:Principal Accounting Officer

Date: May 11, 2012