NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC Form 8-K August 06, 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): August 6, 2012 (August 6, 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)

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62-1470956 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On August 6, 2012, National Health Investors issued a press release announcing its dividend for the third quarter for shareholders of record September 28, 2012. 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

NumberExhibit99Press release, dated August 6, 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: August 6, 2012