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NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC Form 8-K February 17, 2017 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, 2017 (February 17, 2017) NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) 001-10822 62-1470956 Maryland (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification 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, former address and former fiscal year, 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): Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) [] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On February 17, 2017, National Health Investors ("NHI") announced in a press release that it will pay a first quarter dividend of \$.95 per common share to shareholders of record as of March 31st, 2017 and payable on May 10, 2017. A copy of this press release is attached to this Current Report as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit Index

Number Exhibit

99.1 Press release, dated February 17, 2017, titled "NHI Announces Increase in First Quarter 2017 Dividend."

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 Hopkins Name: Roger Hopkins

Title: Principal Accounting Officer

Date: February 17, 2017