

Hopkins Roger R
Form 4
May 14, 2010

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Hopkins Roger R

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
NATIONAL HEALTH
INVESTORS INC [NHI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2930 PRINCETON LANE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/12/2010

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Chief Accounting Officer

MURFREESBORO, TN 37129

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Shares Of Common Stock	05/12/2010		M		16,666	A	\$ 34.48	31,425 D
Shares Of Common Stock	05/12/2010		S		13,449	D	\$ 42.73	17,976 D
Common Stock (restricted Stock Award)								1,000 D

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.48	05/12/2010		M		16,666		03/02/2010	03/02/2020	Nhi Common Stock	16,666
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.24							02/04/2009	02/04/2013	Nhi Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.5							07/21/2010	07/20/2011	Nhi Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.29							02/25/2011	02/25/2013	Nhi Common Stock	16,668
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.48							03/02/2011	03/02/2020	Nhi Common Stock	16,666
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.5							07/20/2011	07/20/2011	Nhi Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.48							03/02/2012	03/02/2020	Nhi Common Stock	16,668

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hopkins Roger R 2930 PRINCETON LANE MURFREESBORO, TN 37129			Chief Accounting Officer	

Signatures

/s/Roger R. Hopkins	05/14/2010
<u> </u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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