Gaines Kristin Sallee Form 4 November 30, 2012

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Gaines Kristin Sallee			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC [NHI]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify		
222 ROBERT ROSE DRIVE			(Month/Day/Year) 11/30/2012	below) below) Chief Credit Officer		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
MURFREESE	3ORO, TN 3	7129	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secui	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	(A) or	d of (D)	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)
Common Stock	11/30/2012		S	2,421	D	\$ 55.638	27,821	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Pri Deriv Secui (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.24					02/04/2011	02/04/2013	Nhi Common Stock	2,500	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.24					02/04/2012	02/04/2013	Nhi Common Stock	2,500	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 46.22					02/25/2013	02/25/2016	Common Stock	16,668	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 47.52					02/21/2013	02/21/2017	Common Stock	16,666	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 47.52					02/21/2014	02/21/2017	Common Stock	16,668	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

Gaines Kristin Sallee 222 ROBERT ROSE DRIVE MURFREESBORO, TN 37129

Chief Credit Officer

Signatures

/s/ Kristin S. 11/30/2012 Gaines

Date

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**Signature of Reporting Person

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- * 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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