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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): December 18, 2017 (December 18, 2017)

NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 001-10822 62-1470956 (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)

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(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):

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 18, 2017, National Health Investors, Inc. (NYSE:NHI) announced it has exercised its purchase option to acquire Spring Arbor of Durham, a 32-unit assisted living and memory care community in Durham, North Carolina. The text of that press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit Index

Number Exhibit

99.1 Press release dated December 18, 2017, titled "NHI Announces Acquisition of North Carolina Assisted Living/Memory Care Community" in HTML format.

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. Hopkins Name: Roger R. Hopkins

Title: Principal Accounting Officer

Date: December 18, 2017