

NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC

Form 8-K

February 27, 2013

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 27, 2013 (February 25, 2013)

National Health Investors, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-10822

(Commission
File No.)

62-1470956

(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

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)

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)

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

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers: Election of Directors: Appointment of Certain Officers: Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(e) Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

The Compensation Committee of NHI approved the following stock option grants for its named executive officers, granted February 25, 2013:

J. Justin Hutchens	100,000
Roger Hopkins	50,000
Kristi Gaines	50,000

The exercise price for each of the options is \$64.49, the closing price of NHI's common stock on February 25, 2013. Mr. Hutchens' options are fully vested on the date of grant and Mr. Hopkins and Ms. Gaines options are vested 1/3 on the date of grant and 1/3 on each of the first and second anniversary of the date of grant.

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 27, 2013