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NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC Form 8-K March 22, 2010

UNITED STATES

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): March 22, 2010 (March 22, 2010)

National Health Investors, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-10822

62-1470956

(Commission File No.)

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

222 Robert Rose Drive Murfreesboro, TN 37129

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

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(615) 890-9100

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 2.01. Other Events.

On March 22, 2010, National Health Investors, Inc. issued a press release announcing \$7.2 million of investments in assisted living and skilled nursing facilities. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99 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 Press release, dated March 22, 2010

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

National Health Investors, Inc.

By: /s/Roger R. Hopkins

Name: Roger R. Hopkins

Title: Chief Accounting Officer

Date: March 22, 2010