NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC Form 8-K February 17, 2011

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): February 17, 2011 (February 17, 2011)

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, including zip code)

(615) 890-9100

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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

Item 8.01. Other Events.

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On February 17, 2011, National Health Investors, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing it dividend
for the first quarter for shareholders of record March 31, 2011. 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 First Quarter 2011 Dividend Press Release, dated February 17, 2011 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: February 17, 2011