

Hopkins Roger R  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Hopkins Roger R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC [NHI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 222 ROBERT ROSE DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/20/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Accounting Officer

MURFREESBORO, TN 37129  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Shares Of Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	07/20/2011		F		5,218 D \$ 46.95	13,258	D
Shares Of Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	07/20/2011		M		5,000 A \$ 24.5	18,258	D
Shares Of Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	07/20/2011		M		5,000 A \$ 24.5	23,258	D
Common Stock						500	D

(restricted  
Stock  
Award)

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)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Options (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 24.5	07/20/2011		M	5,000	07/20/2011	07/20/2011	Nhi Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 24.5	07/20/2011		M	5,000	07/21/2010	07/20/2011	Nhi Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.24					02/04/2009	02/04/2013	Nhi Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.29					02/25/2011	02/25/2013	Nhi Common Stock	16,668
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.48					03/02/2011	03/02/2020	Nhi Common Stock	16,666
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.48					03/02/2012	03/02/2020	Nhi Common Stock	16,668

Buy)

Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 46.22	02/25/2011	02/25/2016	Common Stock	16,667
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Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 46.22	02/25/2012	02/25/2016	Common Stock	16,667
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Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 46.22	02/25/2013	02/25/2016	Common Stock	16,666
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hopkins Roger R 222 ROBERT ROSE DRIVE MURFREESBORO, TN 37129			Chief Accounting Officer	

## Signatures

/s/Roger R.  
Hopkins

07/22/2011

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).

(1) Exercise of employee stock options issued 7/21/06 and expiring 7/20/11 by delivering shares owned.

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