

Hopkins Roger R
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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)
12/09/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Accounting Officer

MURFREESBORO, TN 37129

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Shares Of Common Stock | 12/09/2011 | | M | | 2,500 | A | \$ 29.24 |
| Shares Of Common Stock | 12/09/2011 | | F | | 1,673 | D | \$ 43.71 |
| Shares Of Common Stock | 12/09/2011 | | M | | 16,668 | A | \$ 25.29 |
| Shares Of Common | 12/09/2011 | | F | | 9,644 | D | \$ 43.71 |

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|--|------------|--|---|--------|---|-------------|--------|---|
| Stock | | | | | | | | |
| Shares Of Common Stock | 12/09/2011 | | M | 16,666 | A | \$ 34.48 | 47,775 | D |
| Shares Of Common Stock | 12/09/2011 | | F | 13,146 | D | \$ 43.71 | 34,629 | D |
| Common Stock (restricted Stock Award) ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | 500 | D |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|--------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 29.24 | 12/09/2011 | | M | 2,500 | 02/04/2011 | 02/04/2013 | Nhi Common Stock | 2,500 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 25.29 | 12/09/2011 | | M | 16,668 | 02/25/2011 | 02/25/2013 | Nhi Common Stock | 16,668 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 34.48 | 12/09/2011 | | M | 16,666 | 03/02/2011 | 03/02/2020 | Nhi Common Stock | 16,666 |
| Stock Options | \$ 29.24 | | | | | 02/04/2012 | 02/04/2013 | Nhi Common | 2,500 |

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|------------------------------|----------|------------|------------|------------------|-------|--------|
| (Right to Buy) | | | | | Stock | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 46.22 | 02/25/2011 | 02/25/2016 | Common Stock | | 16,667 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 46.22 | 02/25/2012 | 02/25/2016 | Common Stock | | 16,667 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 46.22 | 02/25/2013 | 02/25/2016 | Common Stock | | 16,666 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 34.48 | 03/02/2012 | 03/02/2020 | Nhi Common Stock | | 16,668 |

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

12/13/2011

**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) 500 shares of Common Stock - Restricted Shares vested February 4, 2011, and this amount was moved to Common Stock total.

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