

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  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Shares Of Common Stock	12/09/2011		M		2,500 A \$ 29.24	25,758	D
Shares Of Common Stock	12/09/2011		F		1,673 D \$ 43.71	24,085	D
Shares Of Common Stock	12/09/2011		M		16,668 A \$ 25.29	40,753	D
Shares Of Common	12/09/2011		F		9,644 D \$ 43.71	31,109	D

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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) <sup>(1)</sup>							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

(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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