

NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 18, 2005

**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, 2005 (February 17, 2005)

**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)

100 Vine Street, Suite 1202  
Murfreesboro, TN 37130  
(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.**

On February 17, 2005, National Health Investors, Inc. issued a press release announcing its first quarter dividend. A copy of the press release is filed an Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

**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/ W. Andrew Adams

Name: W. Andrew Adams

Title: Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Donald K. Daniel

Name: Donald K. Daniel

Title: Principal Accounting Officer

Date: February 17, 2005

#### Exhibit Index

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99	Press release, dated February 17, 2005
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#### EXHIBIT 99

For Release: Feb. 17, 2005

Contact: Gerald Coggin, Senior VP of Corporate Relations

Phone: (615) 890-9100

## **NHI Raises First Quarter Dividend to 45 Cents Per Share**

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - National Health Investors, Inc., (NYSE: NHI) announced today that it will pay a first quarter dividend of 45 cents per common share to shareholders of record on March 31 and payable on May 10.

The 45 cent dividend is an increase of two and one half cents over last year's regular quarterly dividend. NHI President Andy Adams said the increase was appropriate given our continued progress in managing our portfolio and our expectation for taxable income for 2005.

NHI specializes in the financing of health care real estate by first mortgage and by purchase and leaseback transactions. The common stock of the company trades on the New York Stock Exchange with the symbol NHI.

Additional information, including NHI's most recent press releases, may be obtained on our web site at [www.nhinvestors.com](http://www.nhinvestors.com).

*Statements in this press release that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements. NHI cautions investors that any forward-looking statements made involve risks and uncertainties and are not guarantees of future performance. All forward-looking statements represent NHI's judgment as of the date of this release.*