

NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 24, 2009  
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 23, 2009 (February 20, 2009)

**National Health Investors, Inc.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-10822      62-1470956

(Commission    IRS Employer

File No.)      Identification Number)

750-B South Church Street

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)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))



Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 20, 2009, National Health Investors, Inc. issued a press release announcing its year end results. 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.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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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 23, 2009

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Exhibit Index

**Number Exhibit**

99 Press release, dated February 20, 2009