

NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
* ^ Hopkins Roger R			12/31/2006		NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC [NHI]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
2930 PRINCETON LANE			(Check all applicable)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
MURFREESBORO, TN 37129			Chief Accounting Officer			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)				

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable    Expiration Date	Title    Amount or Number of Shares			

Option to Purchase NHI Common Stock	07/21/2008	07/20/2011	NHI Common Stock	10,000	\$ 24.5	D	Â
Option to Purchase NHI Common Stock	07/21/2009	07/20/2011	NHI Common Stock	5,000	\$ 24.5	D	Â
Option to Purchase NHI Common Stock	07/21/2010	07/20/2011	NHI Common Stock	5,000	\$ 24.5	D	Â
Option to Purchase NHI Common Stock	07/20/2011	07/20/2011	NHI Common Stock	5,000	\$ 24.5	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hopkins Roger R 2930 PRINCETON LANE MURFREESBORO, TN 37129	Â	Â	Â Chief Accounting Officer	Â

## Signatures

Roger R. Hopkins  
01/09/2007

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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