

NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC
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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 *
WEBB ROBERT T

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)
 2714 ARCHER AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/15/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Shares of Common Stock	08/15/2008		M		10,265	A	\$ 32.16
Shares of Common Stock					154,070	I	
Shares of Common Stock - Dividend Reinvestment					2,278.3174	I	
							Nancy P. Webb
							Family Partnership DRIP

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Shares of Common Stock	1,500	I	Robert T. Webb Family Partnership
Shares of Common Stock	15,000	I	Trustee - Webb Group

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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	
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 23.9	08/15/2008		M	15,000	04/20/2004	04/19/2009	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 26.78	08/15/2008		M	15,000	05/03/2005	05/02/2010	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 23.79	08/15/2008		M	15,000	05/02/2006	05/01/2011	Common Stock	15,000
Option to purchase Common Stock	\$ 34.25					05/16/2007	05/15/2012	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 30.3					04/29/2008	04/28/2013	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WEBB ROBERT T 2714 ARCHER AVENUE MURFREESBORO, TN 37129		X		

Signatures

Robert T. Webb 08/18/2008

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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