

WELCH TED H  
Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
WELCH TED H

(Last) (First) (Middle)

611 COMMERCE STREET, STE. 2920

(Street)

NASHVILLE, TN 37230

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC [NHI]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
NHI Common Stock	12/07/2006		G	2,567 D \$0	36,018	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)**

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 16.35	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	04/24/2003 04/23/2008	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 23.9	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	04/20/2004 04/23/2009	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 26.78	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	05/03/2005 05/02/2010	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 23.79	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	05/02/2006 05/01/2011	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WELCH TED H 611 COMMERCE STREET, STE. 2920 NASHVILLE, TN 37230	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

Ted H. Welch                      02/15/2007  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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).
- Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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