

ADAMS W ANDREW  
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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 \*  
ADAMS W ANDREW

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)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2010

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

222 ROBERT ROSE DRIVE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

MURFREESBORO, TN 37129

(City) (State) (Zip)

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 (A) or Price (D)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock by JMA Grandchildren's Trust	12/28/2010	^	W	12,635 A	\$ 0 12,635	I	Trustee
Common Stock by W. Andrew Adams Exempt & Non Exempt	12/30/2010	^	W	41,551 A	\$ 0 41,551	D	^

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Trust

Common Stock By Amk, L.p.	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	732,784	D	Â
Common Stock By Springland Ventures, L.p.	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	44,000	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	3,040	I	Common Stock held by Spouse
Common Stock By Adams Family Foundation II	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	222,307	I	Trustee
Common Stock By Children & Grandchildren's Trust <sup>(1)</sup>	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	63,069	I	Trustee
Common Stock by EMA, L.P. <sup>(1)</sup>	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	341,802	I	Trustee

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)

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
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.48	Â	Â	Â	Â	03/02/2010	03/02/2020	Nhi Common Stock	6,667

Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.29	^	^	^	^	^	02/25/2009	02/25/2013	Nhi Common Stock	3,334
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ADAMS W ANDREW 222 ROBERT ROSE DRIVE MURFREESBORO, TN 37129	^ X	^	^ Chief Executive Officer	^

## Signatures

/s/W. Andrew Adams                      02/14/2011

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## 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).
- (1) Trusts have updated their ownership of NHI common stock as of 12/31/2010.
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