ADAMS W ANDREW

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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) 222 ROBERT ROSE DRIVE	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/16/2010	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer			
(Street) MURFREESBORO, TN 37129	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		nsaction Date h/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	(A) or		5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	09/16	5/2010		M	3,333		\$ 34.48	5,649	I	Common Stock held by Spouse	
Common Stock	09/16	5/2010		S	2,609	D	\$ 44.06	3,040	I	Common Stock held by Spouse	
Common Stock By Amk, L.p.	09/16	5/2010		M	65,000	A	\$ 37.33	787,856	D		
	09/16	5/2010		S	55,072	D		732,784	D		

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Common Stock By Amk, L.p.	\$ 44.06			
Common Stock By Adams Family Foundation II		222,307	I	Trustee
Common Stock By Children & Grandchildren's Trust		69,705	I	Trustee
Common Stock by EMA, L.P.		338,552	D	
Common Stock By Springland Ventures, L.p.		44,000	D	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Secur Secur Acqu or Di (D)	rities tired (A) sposed of : 3, 4,	6. Date Exercise Expiration Date (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.48	09/16/2010		M		3,333	03/02/2010	03/02/2020	Nhi Common Stock	3,333
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.33	09/16/2010		M		65,000	03/19/2010	03/19/2020	Nhi Common Stock	65,000
Stock Options (Right to	\$ 25.29						02/25/2009	02/25/2013	Nhi Common Stock	3,334

Buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ADAMS W ANDREW

222 ROBERT ROSE DRIVE X Chief Executive Officer

MURFREESBORO, TN 37129

Signatures

/s/W. Andrew Adams 09/20/2010

**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).

Remarks:

The Form 4 filed on 3/19/10 erroneously listed 1,504,405 shares held by The Adams Group, L.P. Mr. Adams has no direct or

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