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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Gaines Kristin Sallee Issuer Symbol NATIONAL HEALTH (Check all applicable) **INVESTORS INC [NHI]** (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 222 ROBERT ROSE DRIVE 12/10/2018 Chief Credit Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting MURFREESBORO, TN 37129 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	sposed 4 and : (A) or	l of (D) 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/10/2018		M	16,666	(D)	Price \$ 72.11	59,951	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2018		M	16,666	A	\$ 72.11	76,617	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2018		M	16,668	A	\$ 72.11	93,285	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2018		M	16,666	A	\$ 60.52	109,951	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2018		F	60,832	D	\$ 80.45	49,119	D	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Secur Secur Acqu or Di (D)	rities nired (A) isposed of r. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 72.11	12/10/2018		M		16,666	02/20/2015	02/20/2020	Common Stock	16,666
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 72.11	12/10/2018		M		16,666	02/20/2016	02/20/2020	Common Stock	16,666
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 72.11	12/10/2018		M		16,668	02/20/2017	02/20/2020	Common Stock	16,668
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 60.52	12/10/2018		M		16,666	02/22/2017	02/22/2021	Common Stock	16,666
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 60.52						02/22/2018	02/22/2021	Common Stock	16,668
Stock Options (Right to Buy) - 2-22-17 exp 2-22-22	\$ 74.78						02/22/2017	02/22/2022	Common Stock	16,666
	\$ 74.78						02/22/2018	02/22/2022		16,666

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Stock Options (Right to Buy) 2-22-18 Exp 2-22-22				Common Stock	
Stock Options (Right to Buy) 2-22-19 exp 2-22-22	\$ 74.78	02/22/2019	02/22/2022	Common Stock	16,668
Stock Options (Right to Buy) 2-20-18	\$ 64.33	02/20/2019	02/20/2023	Common Stock	16,666
Stock Options (Right to Buy) 2-20-18	\$ 64.33	02/20/2018	02/20/2023	Common Stock	16,666
Stock Options (Right to Buy) 2-20-18	\$ 64.33	02/20/2020	02/20/2023	Common Stock	16,668

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Gaines Kristin Sallee							
222 ROBERT ROSE DRIVE			Chief Credit Officer				
MURERESPORO TN 37120							

Signatures

/s/ Kristin S. Gaines	12/12/201		
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

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