

H&Q HEALTHCARE INVESTORS  
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# U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C.

## FORM N-2

Registration Statement Under the Investment Company Act of 1940

Amendment No. 18

### H&Q HEALTHCARE INVESTORS

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

2 Liberty Square, 9th Floor, Boston, MA 02109

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(617) 772-8500

(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

Daniel R. Omstead, Ph.D.

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(Name and Address of Agent for Service)

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This amendment is being filed solely to file Exhibit No. (b)(iii) to this Registration Statement relating to the By-Laws.

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**PART C**

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Registrant's By-Laws, revised through December 13, 2012 by the Registrant's Board of Trustees, are filed herewith as Exhibit (b)(iii).

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Registrant has duly caused this Amendment No. 18 to its Registration Statement under the Investment Company Act of 1940 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto, duly authorized, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the 28th day of December, 2012.

H&Q HEALTHCARE INVESTORS

By: /s/ Daniel R. Omstead

Daniel R. Omstead  
President

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                          |
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| (b)(iii)           | By-Laws, revised through December 13, 2012. |

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