

NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC  
Form 8-K  
September 25, 2012

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT  
TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 25, 2012 (September 19, 2012)

National Health Investors, Inc.  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-10822  
(Commission File No.)

62-1470956  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

222 Robert Rose Drive  
Murfreesboro, TN 37129  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(615) 890-9100  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On September 19, 2012, National Health Investors, Inc. announced an agreement with Bickford Senior Living to combine their ownership in the real estate and operating assets of 10 stabilized assisted living and memory care facilities. This arrangement is expected to close by September 30, 2012. The text of this press release is filed as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit Index

| Number | Exhibit                                |
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| 99     | Press Release Dated September 19, 2012 |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

National Health Investors, Inc.

By: /s/Roger R. Hopkins  
Name: Roger R. Hopkins  
Title: Chief Accounting Officer

Date: September 25, 2012