

Gaines Kristin Sallee  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Gaines Kristin Sallee

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  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/30/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Credit Officer

MURFREESBORO, TN 37129  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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**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 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	Price	
Common Stock	08/30/2011		M		16,666	\$ 34.48	32,200 <sup>(1)</sup> D
Common Stock	08/30/2011		M		16,668	\$ 25.29	48,868 D
Common Stock	08/30/2011		M		16,666	\$ 34.48	65,534 D
Common Stock	08/30/2011		S		34,503	\$ 45.53	31,031 D
Common Stock (restricted)							500 <sup>(1)</sup> D

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Stock  
Award)

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.48	08/30/2011		M	16,666	03/02/2010 03/02/2020	Nhi Common Stock 16,666
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.29	08/30/2011		M	16,668	02/25/2011 02/25/2013	Nhi Common Stock 16,668
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.48	08/30/2011		M	16,666	03/02/2011 03/02/2020	Nhi Common Stock 16,666
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.24					02/04/2011 02/04/2013	Nhi Common Stock 2,500
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 46.22					02/25/2011 02/25/2016	Common Stock 16,667
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