

ADAMS W ANDREW  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
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  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/24/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chief Executive Officer

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock By Adams Family Foundation II				(A)	222,307	I	Trustee
Common Stock By Amk, L.p.				(A)	722,856	D	
Common Stock By Children & Grandchildren's Trust				(A)	69,705	I	Trustee
				(D)	338,552	D	

Common Stock  
by EMA, L.P.

Common Stock  
By Springland  
Ventures, L.p.

44,000 D

Common Stock  
By The Adams  
Group L.p.

1,504,405 D

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.29	03/24/2009 <sup>(1)</sup>		A	10,000	02/25/2009	02/25/2013	Nhi Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.48	03/02/2010		A	10,000	03/02/2010	03/02/2020	Nhi Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.33	03/19/2010		A	65,000	03/19/2010	03/19/2020	Nhi Common Stock	65,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

ADAMS W ANDREW  
222 ROBERT ROSE DRIVE X  
MURFREESBORO, TN 37129

Chief Executive Officer

## Signatures

/s/W. Andrew  
Adams 03/19/2010

    \*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person Date

## 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).
- (1) Acquired pursuant to marriage on 3/24/2009.

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