

ADAMS W ANDREW  
 Form 4/A  
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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)  
 04/01/2010

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)  
 04/05/2010

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	04/01/2010		M	6,666 A	\$ 25.29 6,666 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Common Stock held by Spouse
Common Stock	04/01/2010		S	4,350 D	\$ 38.76 2,316 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Common Stock held by Spouse
Common Stock By Adams Family Foundation II					222,307	I	Trustee

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Common Stock By Amk, L.p.	722,856	D	
Common Stock By Children & Grandchildren's Trust	69,705	I	Trustee
Common Stock by EMA, L.P.	338,552	D	
Common Stock By Springland Ventures, L.p.	44,000	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.29	04/01/2010		M	6,666	02/25/2009 02/25/2013	Nhi Common Stock	6,666	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.33					03/19/2010 03/19/2020	Nhi Common Stock	65,000	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.48					03/02/2010 03/02/2020	Nhi Common Stock	10,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ADAMS W ANDREW 222 ROBERT ROSE DRIVE MURFREESBORO, TN 37129	X		Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

/s/W. Andrew  
Adams

05/12/2010

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) On the Form 4/A filed on April 15, 2010, the exercise of 6,666 stock options and the immediate sale of 4,350 shares were reported in reverse. The number of shares issued as a result of this net exercise of stock options was 2,316 instead of 8,982.

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