WEBB ROBERT T

Form 4

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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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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WEBB ROBERT T	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) 2714 ARCHER AVENUE	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/21/2009	__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below) below)
(Street) MURFREESBORO, TN 37129	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Shares Of Common Stock	12/21/2009		D		17,672	D	$ 36.0083	0	I	Robert T. Webb Family Partnership
Shares Of Common Stock								155,570	I	Nancy P. Webb

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. Pri Deriv Secu (Instr
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$ 34.25							05/16/2007	05/15/2012	Nhi Common Stock	15,000	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$ 30.3							04/29/2008	04/28/2013	Nhi Common Stock	15,000	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$ 25.29							02/25/2009	02/24/2014	Nhi Common Stock	15,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WEBB ROBERT T 2714 ARCHER AVENUE MURFREESBORO, TN 37129	X			

Signatures

/s/Kimberly V. Ouimet, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Webb	12/22/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

*   If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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