

NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 LAROCHE RICHARD F JR

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/10/2008

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

100 VINE STREET, SUITE 1400, CITY CENTER

(Street)

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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MURFREESBORO, TN 37130

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
				Code	V	Amount				
Common Stock	03/10/2008		M		15,000	A	\$ 23.79	15,000	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2008		S		12,188	D	\$ 29.28	2,812	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2008		M		15,000	A	\$ 26.78	17,812	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2008		S		13,719	D	\$ 29.28	4,093	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2008		M		15,000	A	\$ 23.9	19,093	D	

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Common Stock	03/10/2008	S	12,244	D	\$ 29.28	6,849	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2008	M	15,000	A	\$ 16.35	21,849	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2008	S	8,376	D	\$ 29.28	13,473	D	
Common Stock						900	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Common Stock						46,998	I	Family Partnership
Common Stock						32,951	I	Trustee
Common Stock						460,419	D <sup>(2)</sup>	
Common Stock						8,208	D <sup>(3)</sup>	

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	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 23.79	03/10/2008		M	15,000	05/02/2006	05/01/2011	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 26.78	03/10/2008		M	15,000	05/03/2005	05/02/2010	Common Stock	15,000
	\$ 23.9	03/10/2008		M	15,000	04/20/2004	04/19/2009		15,000

Stock Options (right to buy)								Common Stock	
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 16.35	03/10/2008	M	15,000	04/24/2003	04/23/2008		Common Stock	15,000
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 34.25				05/16/2007	05/15/2012		Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LAROCHE RICHARD F JR 100 VINE STREET, SUITE 1400 CITY CENTER MURFREESBORO, TN 37130	X			

## Signatures

/s/Richard F. LaRoche, Jr. 03/12/2008

\_\_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) In my name and my wife's name.
- (2) Owned by LaRoche Enterprises
- (3) In IRA

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