

LAROCHE RICHARD F JR
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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)
2103 SHANNON DRIVE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/28/2004

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

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 in my name and my wife's name				(A) Amount (D) Price	900	D	
Common Stock by LaRoche Family L.P.					54,898	I	Family Partnership
Common Stock by Trustee of					32,951	I	Trustee

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Common
Stock by
LaRoche
Enterprises

12/28/2004	M	6,895	A	\$ 14.5	449,414	D
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Common
Stock by
IRA

					8,208	D
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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
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 14.5	12/28/2004		M	6,895	10/27/1999 10/26/2005	Common Stock 20,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 16.35					04/24/2003 04/23/2008	Common Stock 15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 23.9					04/20/2004 04/19/2009	Common Stock 15,000

Reporting Owners

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

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2103 SHANNON DRIVE
MURFREESBORO, TN 37129

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Secretary

Signatures

Richard F.
LaRoche, Jr. 12/28/2004

 Signature of Reporting Date
Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

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