Gaines Kristin Sallee Form 4 December 12, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Gaines Kristin Sallee			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) 222 ROBERT	(First) ROSE DRI	(Middle) VE	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/10/2018	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Credit Officer		
	(Street)		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		
MURFREESBORO, TN 37129				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-D	Derivative :	Secur	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3,	sposed 4 and : (A) or	of (D) 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	12/10/2018		Code V M	Amount 16,666	(D)	Price \$ 72.11	59,951	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2018		M	16,666	A	\$ 72.11	76,617	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2018		M	16,668	A	\$ 72.11	93,285	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2018		M	16,666	A	\$ 60.52	109,951	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2018		F	60,832	D	\$ 80.45	49,119	D	

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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	orDeri Secu Acq or D (D)	urities uired (A) isposed of rr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	te	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 72.11	12/10/2018		M		16,666	02/20/2015	02/20/2020	Common Stock	16,666
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 72.11	12/10/2018		M		16,666	02/20/2016	02/20/2020	Common Stock	16,666
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 72.11	12/10/2018		M		16,668	02/20/2017	02/20/2020	Common Stock	16,668
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 60.52	12/10/2018		M		16,666	02/22/2017	02/22/2021	Common Stock	16,666
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 60.52						02/22/2018	02/22/2021	Common Stock	16,668
Stock Options (Right to Buy) - 2-22-17 exp 2-22-22	\$ 74.78						02/22/2017	02/22/2022	Common Stock	16,666
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Stock Options (Right to Buy) 2-22-18 Exp 2-22-22				Common Stock	
Stock Options (Right to Buy) 2-22-19 exp 2-22-22	\$ 74.78	02/22/2019	02/22/2022	Common Stock	16,668
Stock Options (Right to Buy) 2-20-18	\$ 64.33	02/20/2019	02/20/2023	Common Stock	16,666
Stock Options (Right to Buy) 2-20-18	\$ 64.33	02/20/2018	02/20/2023	Common Stock	16,666
Stock Options (Right to Buy) 2-20-18	\$ 64.33	02/20/2020	02/20/2023	Common Stock	16,668

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Gaines Kristin Sallee						
222 ROBERT ROSE DRIVE			Chief Credit Officer			
MURERESPORO TN 37120						

Signatures

/s/ Kristin S. Gaines	12/12/201		
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

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